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The search continues this week

Next set of candidates address campus before field narrows to three

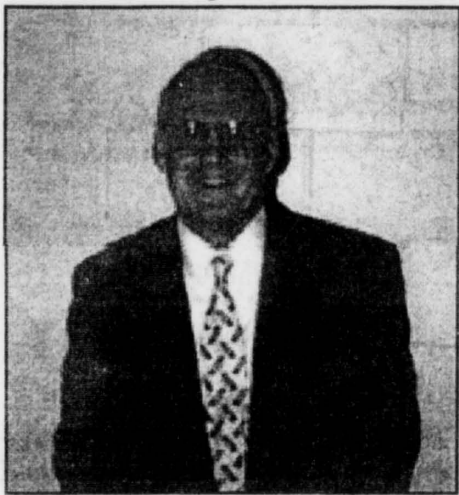


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Dr. Walter Ott, Provost of Alfred University in New York, spent the early part of this past week on campus touring and meeting the community.

by Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

The presidential search continued through the week as Dr. Walter Richard Ott and Dr. Charles Clevenger visited Mansfield University. Both candidates followed similar itineraries as the previous two candidates, including question and answer sessions with the general public.

Dr. Ott, who currently serves as Provost, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Chief Academic Officer and Professor at Alfred University in New York, addressed a moderate crowd in Steadman Theatre Monday, January 26. Like the previous candidates, Ott responded to several questions from the audience of students, faculty and administrators.

Ott described the mission of the University and spoke his views on teaching.

"The basic mission of the university seems clear," he said. "There should be more active learning and less straight seat time. There should also be more international focus because that's a factor in most businesses today."

Continuance granted in trial of ex-administrator

by Joe Wagner
news editor

The trial of a former accountant for College Community Services Incorporated (CCSI) has been rescheduled for April.

The trial, originally scheduled for Tuesday February 3, involved Fred Green who is charged with misappropriating Mansfield University funds while he was employed within CCSI. Green, an accountant, was the only person responsible for watching CCSI's books.

"He (Green) was the bookkeeper and general manager type person for CCSI," Mansfield President Rod Kelchner said. "He was the one that

Ott said the style of leadership of a president has changed with time.

"The president has to be involved more and more in this day and age," he said.

He also noted that Greeks and sports play an important role in student life.

"Athletics is a critical part of the education," he said. "And the Greeks have a role in the education of students. There are obviously a lot of positive outcomes."

Even with fraternities and sororities and athletics, there is still an apparent sense of student apathy. Ott disagreed that student apathy today is any worse than it was a couple of decades ago.

"I don't think since the sixties there has been a strong joining period. To make a college or university work we have to tie events together. Student Affairs as to have a real sense of what's out there and what students want," he said.

If Ott gets chosen to lead MU into the turn of the century, one of his roles would be that of a fund raiser. He adds that raising money will benefit the students.

"These are things that fit together: fund raising and scholarships," he said.

When students arrive at MU, some find the registration process tedious, if not inconvenient. After students who attended the morning meeting with the SGA executive board briefed him on the current registration process, Ott suggested change.

"There are a lot of better ways to register," he said. "I didn't know anyone was still doing it this way in the past twenty years."

Dr. Charles Clevenger, chief executive officer of the University Center at Harrisburg, visited MU once Ott left and, just as the previous three had done, addressed students, faculty and

managed receipts and funds. He was pretty much a one man operation."

The trial has been pushed back at the request of the Green's defense attorney, William Hebe. Hebe asked for the delay, arguing that he needed more time to prepare his case.

Green was terminated from CCSI in October of 1995 because he allegedly misappropriated Mansfield University funds, Vice President of Student Affairs Joseph Maresco said.

The CCSI executive board responsible for firing Green was made up of both students and administration members.

The funds were discovered to be missing by an internal university audit. The extent of the missing funds was found after an external audit was per-

administration during his stay.

Clevenger arrived at 3:45, 15 minutes past the scheduled starting time of 3:30. He began his address by introducing his wife, who he said would also like to be available for the campus community.

"We're open to suggestion from you on how we could be more accessible," he said.

Clevenger said the university should concentrate its efforts on certain segment of the student population because some classes have acquired more skills than others.

"Where retention is assured is with juniors," he said. "they already have a good sense of background."

He also noted that colleges and universities have a distinct responsibility.

"We have a unique mission: to be a community of the mind," he said.

Clevenger works closely with the Pennsylvania colleges and universities in his capacity at the Dixon Center. He also worked as the Dean of the College of Education and Human Services at Shippensburg University.

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photo by Gene Yager

Dr. Charles Clevenger visited the University and fielded questions from students and faculty during his stay. Clevenger is the fourth of five candidates and the only one employed by SSHE.

formed by an accountant firm checked CCSI's books.

"The whole thing was very complicated in that it took an investigating audit team to find the missing money," Maresco said. "I guess that if you are an accountant, you can play with figures and hide this sort of thing."

After the outside investigation found that money was missing, the District Attorney's office indicted Green and pressed 26 charges of theft and theft by deception against him.

"The amount that Green allegedly took is a little vague, but it is in excess of one hundred thousand dollars," Cowley said. "Most of the charges against him are felony three charges which carry a seven year sentence."

Many students believe Clinton scandal exists

by Josh Cusatis
features editor

With the recent Clinton/Zewinsky scandal, the debate over president Clinton's sexual life is once again at the forefront of the media.

Opinions on the Mansfield University campus about the scandal are quite similar. The general belief on campus is that the affair actually took place.

"There's no doubt in my mind that he did it," said Jason Lattimer, a freshman, undeclared student.

Even people who are unsure whether or not the affair took place still concede that it is possible.

"It sounds like a bunch of media hype," said Kim Kochin a graduate, art education student. "But all of it is believable."

"He may not have done it this time but he is a womanizer," said Michael Litzenberger, a junior, English major. "I do think that it has happened in the past and it's going to happen in the future."

Some feel that this could have a strong impact on the presidency.

"It's a blow to the credibility of the Democratic party," said Gerald T. Bailey, a senior, philosophy major. "He should step down so that the party can start over with a clean slate."

This scandal could prove to be more disastrous to Clinton rather than the actual office of the president.

"He's going to be out of the office soon," Litzenberger said. "He might resign but he could be impeached for purgery since you can't be impeached for adultery."

The most similarities in campus opinion are in how Hilary Clinton seems to be handling this latest scandal.

"She's a very strong woman and she seems to be used to this," Kochin said. "She's showing her support for her husband."

"She seems to be handling this too well," said Angie Carpenter, a freshman, criminal justice major.

"It's almost as if she expected this," Lattimer said.

Most people seemed to agree that this scandal should not be getting as much media attention as it is getting.

"More attention should be given to foreign affairs like Iraq for instance," Litzenberger said.

"I think the media could be overdoing this a bit," Kochin said.

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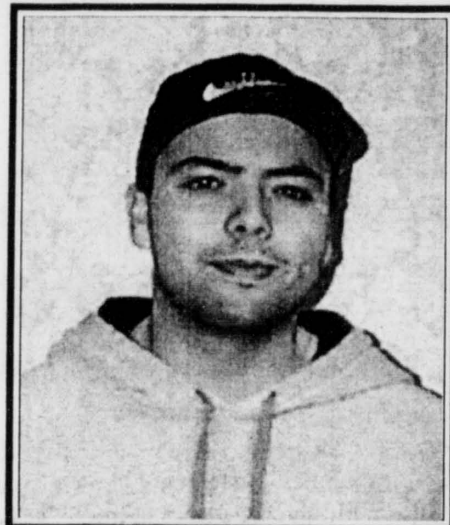
"Do you plan on attending the Martin Luther King Jr. Intercultural Relations Conference?"

by Gene Yager & Katie Evans



Brandy Kingsley
Sophomore

"No. I didn't know about it."



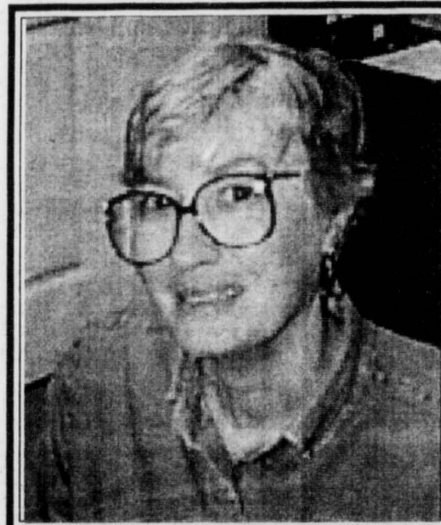
David Jennings
Sophomore

"No. I have to work on weekends."



Zakiya Briggs
Freshman

"It depends on what it involves."



Dr. Priscilla Older
Associate Professor

"I may. If time permits, I will."

He earned his Ph.D. in Higher Education from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York.

"I am proud of it, but I guess I shouldn't say that with audience," he joked.

Clevenger, like the other candidates, thinks athletics are a vital part of college life, but should be placed in perspective.

"It should be a balanced part of student life," he said.

Students in the audience dominated much of the exchange, questioning Clevenger about his philosophy of

dealing with students. He said students were a major attraction.

"I can't imagine anyone who doesn't want to come because of the students," he said.

Dr. Samuel Rankin, the final candidate to visit Mansfield University, arrives Friday. The presidential search committee narrows the field to three candidates and sends their decision to the Board of Governors, who will choose MU's next president.

Rod Kelchner, current MU president, announced his retirement last summer.

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Weekly student government meeting held

by Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

Mansfield University's Student Government Association met Monday night in Memorial Hall as the presidential search continues.

E.J. Gallagher reported that the University Senate meeting had been canceled due to the search. Gallagher also reported that the current balance for SGA is \$7717.06.

SGA advisor Joe Maresco informed the group that MU submitted a proposal regarding the "friendly Neighbor" policy approved in the State System of Higher Education (SSHE). According to Maresco, the plan would lower tuition for students living in counties adjacent to the state lines. Although MU is not the only University with the opportunity to lower rates, he believes MU will be the pioneers.

"I believe we will be the only ones this semester," he said. "We believe we're going to have our proposal approved."

Although the tuition cuts would not go as low as the in-state price, Maresco hopes the policy will attract new students and keep currently enrolled

students.

"It will lower the tuition for current students in that region as well as new ones," he said. "Obviously it will be a windfall for current students from those counties."

Many of the New York counties that border Pennsylvania are included, but there are also a few that do not.

Plans were also made regarding a halftime shootout during basketball games. The general plan would be for one person's name to be drawn. If that person misses the shot, up to four more names will be drawn in attempt to find a winner for a \$100 gift certificate to the campus bookstore.

The SGA executive board also distributed t-shirts to the senators and notified them that Cindy Albano, a former SGA senator would also receive one. Albano designed the shirts and was the person who coordinated the project. SGA President Steve Winnie and Vice President Michelle Hosey commended Albano on her work. "They're nice shirts," they said.

SGA meets every Monday night in 204 Memorial Hall at 9:00 pm. All students are invited to attend.

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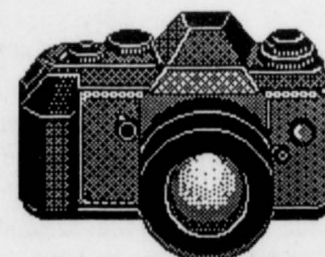
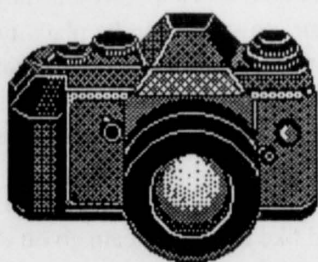
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Attorneys in cocaine trial attack informants motives

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) — The key witnesses in a cocaine conspiracy case are government informants who committed crimes far worse than the crimes they claim the two men on trial committed, defense attorneys said Tuesday.

"The government tells them, 'You have done all these horrible things but as long as you tell the truth you don't have to spend life in prison,'" Joaquin Fernandez told jurors in his opening statement. "It is a story told by some desperate individuals."

Javier Cruz and Leonardo Rivera agreed to become informants for the federal government after they were caught distributing tons of Colombian cocaine through a transportation hub in Roanoke seven years ago.

The Colombia natives became the point men for an undercover investigation of money laundering by the world's largest cocaine syndicate at the time, the Cali cartel.

Information from a spinoff investigation, code-named Operation El Cid, helped convict 136 other traffickers nationwide since 1992, according to federal prosecutors.

After Operation El Cid was shut down, the government came back to the original indictment in Roanoke involving Cruz, Rivera and 26 others.

But in the Roanoke case, 17 defendants were never arrested, including 15 men who are presumed to be living in Colombia, which has no extradition treaty with the United States. Rivera and Cruz pleaded guilty, as did several young women Cruz arranged to drive cars and recreational vehicles used for smuggling cocaine.

The only two defendants who decided to let a jury decide their case are Julio Roberto Castellanos, a Cuban native

raised in Colombia, and Earl Frith, a Floyd County real estate broker accused of having the smallest role in the conspiracy.

After Rivera was arrested in 1991 and jailed in Roanoke, Castellanos "stepped into his shoes" and took over the New York end of the cocaine distribution network, Assistant U.S. Attorney Joe Mott said.

Castellanos is accused of arranging with Cruz to have cocaine picked up at the Mexican border and driven to New York after being stored for awhile in a Roanoke County stash house.

Castellanos also is accused of arranging the delivery of almost \$1.1 million in cash to undercover drug agents in New York in December 1991.

The money pickups began after Cruz was arrested and agreed to help catch his drug colleagues.

Before his arrest in Roanoke, Cruz was wanted for the 1987 slaying of Mark Garrett, a subcontractor from Charlotte, N.C. Cruz was allowed to plead to the reduced charge of involuntary manslaughter in 1992 after becoming an informant.

"He killed somebody in 1987 and did only three days in jail," Fernandez, Castellanos' attorney, told jurors. "He dealt drugs for three or four years and was facing life in jail without chance of parole. ... That man would do anything for the government."

With the federal government's help, Fernandez said, Cruz and Rivera may end up getting put on probation when they are sentenced sometime after the trial and allowed to become U.S. citizens.

"These are the two wonderful characters bringing to you this story," Fernandez said. "In the end, you will see that it is just that — a story."

Book of Marijuana "myths" Rejected

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Cheryl Weeks recognized instantly that some people would take exception to a book that discredits what it calls the "myths" about marijuana.

In a library, though, a diversity of viewpoints is a treasured goal.

So Weeks, a Binghamton high school librarian, said yes to the book when some of her other peers said no.

"On most issues, such as abortion, birth control, we try to represent all sides. This was just one side of another issue," Weeks said Monday.

"Marijuana Myths, Marijuana Facts: A Review of the Scientific Evidence" is earning praise as one of the most comprehensive reviews ever assembled about research on the drug.

But Binghamton was the only one of five school districts in upstate New York to accept the book when it was offered as a donation by a Syracuse-based group that advocates a rethinking of what it calls the nation's failed drug policy.

"We don't see it as an advocacy book. It's a comprehensive review of the existing literature," said Nicholas Eyle, executive director of Reconsider.

Reconsider, which includes doctors, judges and law enforcement officials, offered the book to high school libraries in five major upstate cities: Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse.

"Biased and one sided,"
said Dave Albert

Albany and Rochester rejected the book outright. In Buffalo and Syracuse, the school districts' health committees are reviewing the book but are expected to turn it down too, said Eyle.

Dave Albert, a spokesman for the Albany School District, said a veteran librarian reviewed the book and decided it was "biased and one-sided" and was contrary to school curriculum.

Additionally, the high school library already has a number of books on marijuana it is collection, including one that deals directly with the legalization of marijuana, Albert said.

"It's a tough situation. We certainly don't want to censor anything. But on the other hand we want to make sure that the information is presented accurately in a non-biased way and that both sides are presented," he said.

The Rochester school district rejected it on the same grounds, an official said.

But Eyle scoffs at that reasoning, noting that nearly a third of the 233-page book is devoted to reference citations covering more than three decades of studies.

It has earned praise from a wide spectrum of reviewers ranging from conservative William F. Buckley Jr. to Rolling Stone magazine editor-in-chief Jann Wenner.

It has also been commended by both University of Virginia law professor John S. Battle, who was associate director of the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse appointed by President Nixon, and Dr. Louis Lasagna of Tufts University, who authored the National Academy of Sciences 1982 report on marijuana.

The book presents 20 assertions about marijuana, which the authors term "myths." After citing the "myth," each chapter cites sources for it and gives the authors' conclusion in one hundred words. An essay follows expounding on their reasons.

"We don't present marijuana as completely harmless but the information does dispel many of the myths and exaggerations that have been promoted over the years," said Lynn Zimmer, an associate professor of sociology at Queens College in New York City. She is one of the books co-authors, along with John P. Morgan, a pharmacologist from the City University of New York Medical School.

The authors said they found that many claims regarding marijuana, while based on a kernel of truth, have been exaggerated, distorted or politicized to demonize a substance that an estimated 70 million Americans have tried.

Among the "myths" refuted:

— Marijuana's harms have been proved scientifically.

— Marijuana is highly addictive.

— Marijuana is a gateway drug to harder drugs.

— Marijuana kills brain cells.

— Marijuana impairs memory and cognition.

— Marijuana impairs the immune system.

— Marijuana interferes with male and female sex hormones.

— Marijuana today is more potent than in the past.

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L.A. Police to pay former world class wrestling star \$3.3 Million

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — A jury ordered the Los Angeles Police Department to pay \$3.3 million to a former world-class wrestler whose hopes of attending the 1988 Olympics vanished when he was wrongfully jailed on drug charges.

Ardesheer Asgair was awarded \$800,000 Monday for false arrest and \$2.5 million for emotional distress suffered when he was arrested in 1987. He was jailed for seven months while on trial, and during that time his marriage ended and his Olympic dream died.

The native of Iran, whose 1982 defection made sports headlines around the world, said he believes that his ordeal

was the product of an Iranian loyalist who provided bogus information to LAPD detectives.

The Iranians "wanted to make me look bad," he said. "They didn't want me to compete for the U.S."

Asgair, then a star wrestler at California State University, Fullerton, and now the wrestling coach there, was accused of selling \$35,000 worth of heroin to a police informant as undercover detectives watched.

Detectives testified they seized a briefcase containing Asgair's driver's license and a pound of Persian brown heroin. Asgair testified that he was lured to the scene by two police informants and the

briefcase was planted there.

The contents of the briefcase were checked into evidence, but the briefcase was not — an omission Asgair's attorney said denied his client the chance to prove he had never touched it.

"It was very convenient — and drug dealers always put their license in with the drugs so someone can return it if it gets lost," attorney Steven A. Silverstein said sarcastically. "So many things were unexplainable that we came to the conclusion that this was either the most inept police department in the world or there was something going on here."

Asgair was found innocent, and he won a \$1.3 million verdict against the LAPD.

The department's attorneys appealed the size of the judgment.

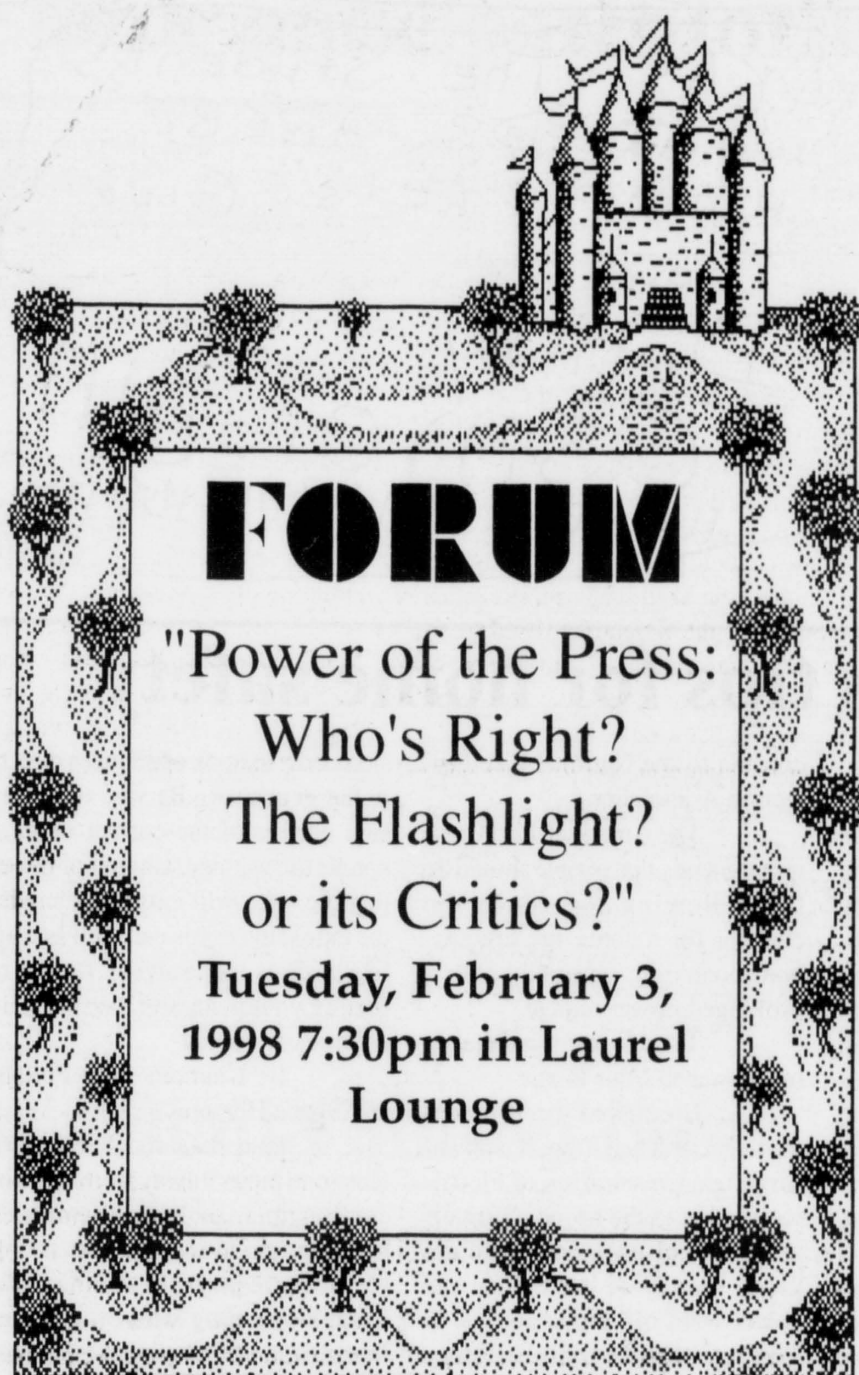
The appeal apparently backfired, however, when a second jury Monday delivered a much larger judgment after finding that the arrest had far-reaching repercussions in Asgair's personal and professional life.

The city likely will appeal, said Michael Fox, assistant city attorney.

Asgair, now 34, said he plans to use the money to recruit and train a team of wrestlers he hopes can win the National Collegiate Athletic Association championship.

"I'm too old for the Olympics, so now I would like to have a team go on to the nationals," he said.

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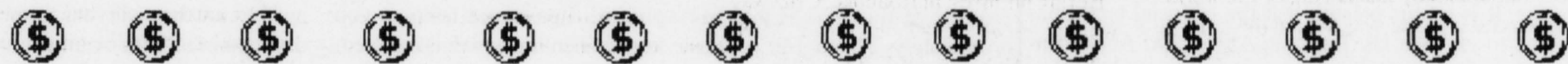
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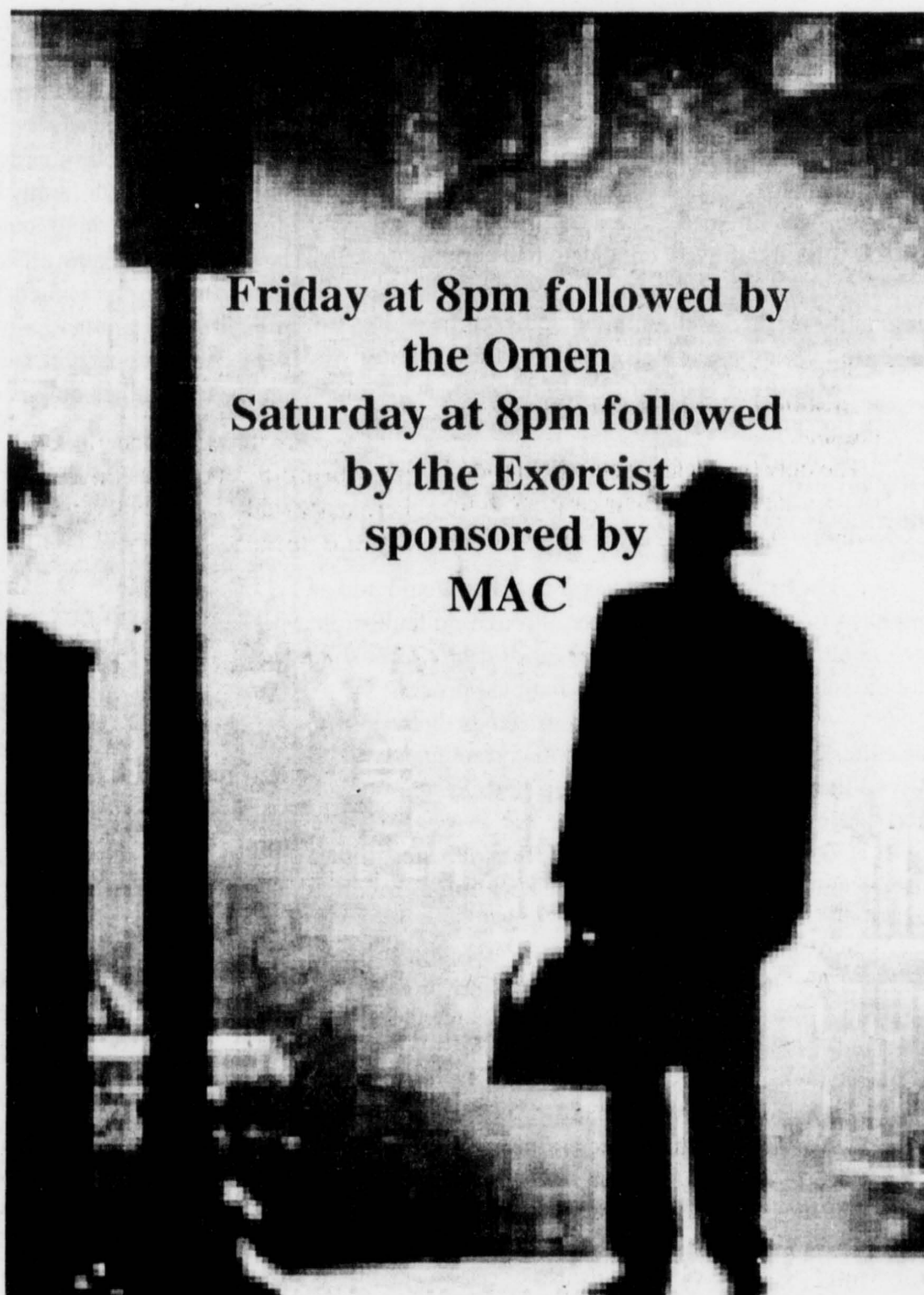
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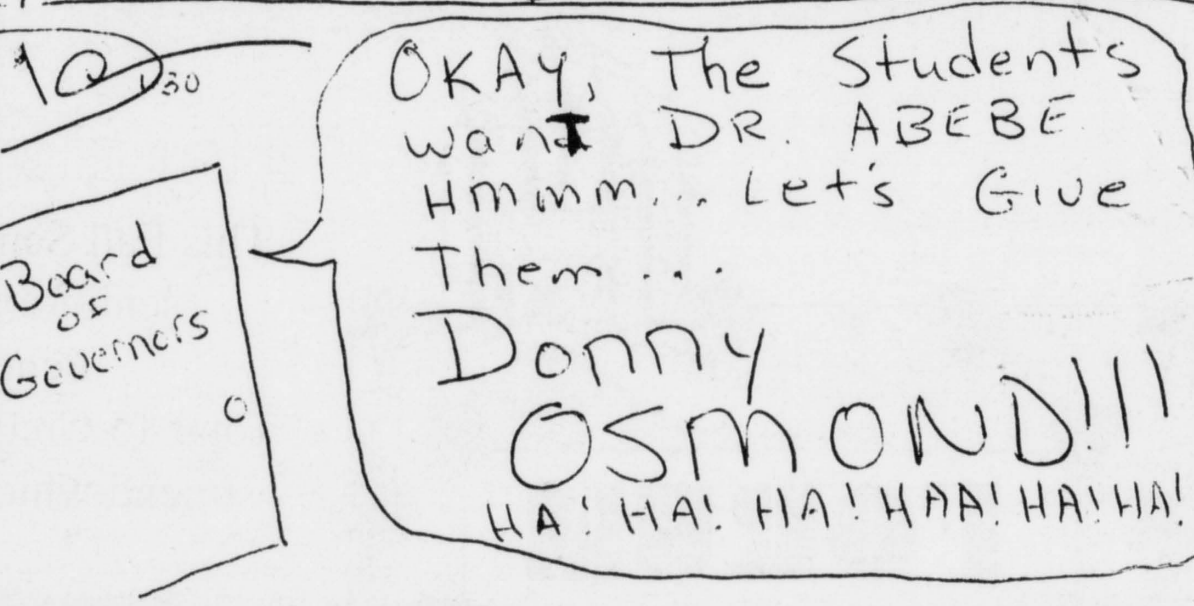
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A SCENE WE'D RATHER NOT SEE



Editorial Board endorses presidential candidate

Last week, our editorial concentrated on those characteristics we, at the Flashlight, would like to see in the new president. We stated that we want a president who would be accessible. We want a president open to suggestions.

We want a president who has ambition and who will be more than a figurehead.

Although we could not get a chance to hear Dr. Samuel Rankin respond to the questions of the university, we did review his resume and considered it along with the other candidates. If Dr. Rankin overwhelms us to the point where we want to change our mind, we will retract this editorial next week and endorse him. Unfortunately the constraints of time prohibit us from waiting until Friday to address this issue.

The presidential search committee must submit their list of three finalists early next week, and so we must decide for this issue where we stand.

It is in this breadth that the editorial board has decided to endorse Dr. Teshome Abebe. Dr. Abebe impressed us and many other students when he was here last week and he became the model with which the other four would be compared.

While this might seem unfair, the students and faculty who participated in the search gave the other four candidates a fair chance. In hindsight, we feel the process could have ended last Wednesday when Dr. Abebe left.

During the open forum and question and answer session, he listened to questions, considered a response and delivered his response with conviction. Some of the other candidates seemed to answer questions before the questioner was finished.

Just about every candidate had certain strengths, but Dr. Abebe surpassed them. His resume is flawless. His personality meshed well with the audience he addressed; his sense of humor was well timed and used sparingly.

Mansfield University is looking for someone to replace President Kelchner. Dr. Abebe could provide this university with the one trait that Kelchner lacks: international diversity. Because he comes from a foreign land, he understands what it is like to be a stranger in a strange land.

His experience in several cultures would add an emphasis that President Kelchner, through no fault of his own, couldn't. He addressed the issue of sports, Greek life and the role of students in the educational process.

Although this endorsement comes directly from the editorial board, we questioned many students who involved themselves in this selection process and considered their responses as well.

Of all the students we polled, no other candidate intrigued students and caught their attention as much as Dr. Abebe.

We hope that the presidential selection committee carefully considers our suggestion and includes Dr. Abebe in the prestigious list of three. We also hope that the Board of Governors considers the opinion of the students and respects our opinion in this matter.

This entire process showed that students do care about our university and we hope that our time invested in this search does not go to waste.

Red Cross tips for home safety

Dear Editor,

At least two reported dead and 140 to 160 hospitalized in Maine alone Washington, January 16, 1998-As cold grips the Northeast, thousands of families continue to live without power and the Red Cross continues to assist families in neighborhoods across the Northeast with hot food and shelters. Reports are being received about how to generate heat and light in their powerless homes.

Master Sergeant Allyson Cox, Maine National Guard, assigned with the Maine Emergency Management Agency PIO, reports "In Maine, our best estimate at this time is that approximately 140 to 160 people have been hospitalized, and at least two deaths have been attributed to carbon monoxide poisoning due to indoor use of generators and space heaters. Additionally, we have had several reports of home fires as a result of candles, kerosene lanterns, space heaters and wood stoves."

When our area iced up last week, did your family have a disaster plan? Heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fires in the United States, most of these fires can be prevented with proper understanding an use of heating equipment, ac-

ording to the National Fire Protection Association.

The American Red Cross recommends that people should do the following to reduce the chances for a home fire and carbon monoxide, especially after a prolonged power outage.

Take Control in Restoring Power to Your Home-

Electrical fires sometimes occur when there is a power surge upon restoration of electrical service to the home. Turn off all electrical appliances and devices that were on before the power went off, including television sets, washers, dryers, space heaters, and lighting. If you are not sure if an item is off or on-unplug it. Leave one lamp so you know when the power is restored.

When Using Gas Powered Generators-

Read and follow the manufacturer's directions in the owner's manual very carefully! Running a gas powered generator in the house is like running your car inside your home! Just do not do it! A generator can make a great difference to your family's living conditions during a prolonged power outage. Just be sure it is used correctly and ventilated correctly outside.

You should not connect the generator to your home's electrical system. Rather, use exten-

sion cords to hook appliances directly to the generator. Be sure the extension cord is of the correct rating to handle the wattage (amount of power) that the wire will carry. Otherwise, the extension cords can well become fire hazards themselves. Before refueling your generator, be sure it has completely cooled.

Be Cautious with Portable and Space Heaters-

Place heaters at least three feet (one meter) away from anything combustible, including wallpaper, bedding, clothing, pets and people. Never leave portable or other space heaters operating when you are not in the room, or when you are in bed. Don't leave children or pets unattended with space heaters and be sure that everyone knows that drying wet mittens or other clothing over space heaters is a fire hazard and should not be done.

Other tips-

- Be very Cautious when Using Alternate Heat Devices
- Refuel Portable Liquid Fuel Heaters Carefully
- Do Not Use Candles Or Camping Lanterns
- Camping Lanterns Are Designed For Use In Very Well Ventilated Areas
- Only Avoid Using Cooking Equipment For Heat

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Letters to the Editor Policy

The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is unwilling to take responsibility for the letter's content. So, why should we?

In order to preserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

The *Flashlight* reserves the right to condense or edit your letter for the sake of length or clarity. Letters should be typed and double spaced. They can be dropped off at the *Flashlight* office, 217 Memorial Hall, Monday through Friday, or mailed to the above address.

Commentary

Editor anticipates forum and questions faculty

by Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

Is it me, or does it seem like every break gets shorter and shorter? Here we are again for another semester and it seems like two days ago we were just leaving for the Holidays.

This semester, we have a lot of things to look forward to. For starters, I, along with Ron Smith, will be a discussant at a forum February 3 in Laurel Lounge. The topic will be "Power of the Press: Who's right? The Flashlight? Or its critics?"

This is the forum that stemmed from the President's Board on Cultural Diversity's criticisms of this newspaper. Mr. Smith and I met earlier this week and discussed some of the issues we will discuss.

This should be an informative opportunity for not only myself and Mr. Smith but for those who attend. Although we have certain topics we will discuss, anyone is invited to attend and bring up anything they want.

Next, our University is knee deep in the presidential selection process. For the past two weeks five candidates have visited Mansfield University and some have slung the "Mr. Hankey" pretty thick. Others, I believe, have a genuine interest in advancing this campus community into the 21st century. That is why we endorsed Dr. Teshome Abebe.

Some of the candidates seemed like car salesman. Others used lame jokes in an attempt to cover something. We didn't get a chance to meet the fifth candidate, Dr. Samuel Rankin, and so we could not consider him by press time.

But we are sure that Dr. Abebe would bring a sense of diversity that is greatly needed at this campus. Not that President Kelchner doesn't, but a man with an international background would be able to offer something unique.

I would also like to commend the students and faculty who regularly attended the Q&A sessions and other meetings with these candidates. It's good to know that some people care who leads this university.

For those students who didn't attend, I ask "Why?". For those members of the faculty and administration who didn't attend, I ask "What the hell were you people doing?"

I understand that some of you have families, but couldn't you find some way of shuffling your schedule. For God's sake, one mother cradled a baby and sat through EVERY Q&A session. Where the hell are *your* priorities?

I thought all along that it was important for students to meet the candidates, but we won't have to deal with the new president very long. If the Board of Governors pick some tool, we only have to deal with him, at most, for three and a half years.

But he'll be *your* boss, faculty! You'll have to answer to him. We might not like him, but we don't necessarily have to deal with him. You people will be forced to like him or, at least, respect him.

At some of the Q&A sessions, students dominated the conversation. Granted, some members of the faculty and staff asked excellent questions re-

garding issues of faculty research, child care and freedom of expression, but what about the rest of you?

MU's students took it upon themselves to shuffle around their schedules and attend and actively participate in the discussion. In most cases, more students asked questions than faculty did. So why was there only one student on the search committee?

If the faculty and administration didn't have time, why were there so many on the damn committee to begin with?

Finally, I would like to congratulate Student Government Vice President Michelle Hosey for being so active in drumming up support from students. Aside from running around escorting candidates as part of her duties as a member of the search committee, she kept those of us who were interested abreast of the situation and made sure we were all invited to the SGA executive board meetings with the candidates.

I don't know who we'll get for our next president, but if it's someone who sucks, those of you who live in a vacuum have only yourselves to blame!

President Clinton faces international financial crises

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton once buoyantly predicted he'd pull a 1998 victory from last year's big trade-bill defeat, but the financial crisis in Asia and domestic politics may be sidetracking the effort.

Administration officials still list "fast-track" trade authority among their top 1998 objectives. But Clinton's appetite for another bruising battle over it seems diminished, according to some supporters of the measure.

Regrouping after last November's defeat of the bill is turning out to be more problematic than first expected for the White House.

Furthermore, the administration has a far more pressing international financial fight on its hands: winning congressional approval for bailing out Asian economies.

With liberals and conservatives joining forces to try to defeat the \$18 billion package, it could prove to be an even harder sell than fast track.

Fast track describes the enhanced trade negotiating authority all presidents since Gerald Ford have had. It allows presidents to negotiate trade deals that can be accepted or rejected by Congress but not modified.

Clinton used it to get the North

American Free Trade Agreement and other trade deals through Congress in his first term, but it has since expired.

The president wants to use it to expand NAFTA to include Chile and to strike other trade liberalization deals in Latin America and Asia.

He hoped to have it before April, when he goes to Chile for a meeting of Western Hemisphere leaders.

The fast-track legislation has wide Republican support. But a majority of House Democrats still oppose it, led by House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., a 2000 Democratic presidential hopeful.

Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, told reporters Tuesday he hopes to see House action on fast track by mid-April. But Archer asserted that, to prevail, the White House needs to produce 25 additional Democratic votes "if I am to put that bill on the floor."

Chances of that seem remote, with no indication the measure has picked up any Democratic support over the long congressional winter break that ends next week.

If anything, the measure may have lost support as midterm congressional campaigns heat up.

The prospects of a widening trade deficit caused by Asia's financial crisis is dampening congressional enthusiasm toward striking new freetrade deals right now.

The measure is opposed by organized labor — still unhappy about losing the 1993 NAFTA fight — and environmental groups.

As it mounts a new offensive, the business coalition supporting says it is receiving mixed signals from the White House.

"I think there is an unfortunate White House drift toward subordinating fast-track to IMF funding and other issues," said Jerry Jasinowski, president and chief economist of the National Association of Manufacturers.

"If the president wants to move forward on fast track, he's going to have to put real energy into gaining Democratic votes, which were appallingly slim in the last go-around," Jasinowski said.

But Clinton in recent days has been moving back toward the Gephardt wing of the party and shoring up his Democratic base by embracing a series of social-policy initiatives to be included in next week's State of the Union address.

Another knockdown battle with Democrats over fast-track could imperil those new initiatives, which range from expanded child care to making Medicare available to younger retirees.

Clinton had House Speaker Newt Gingrich pull the fast-track bill in the House last Nov. 10 rather than risk a near-certain defeat.

At the time, he had lined up only about 40 of the House's 203 Democrats.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said the administration is consulting with both Republican and Democratic leaders on possible changes. "We fully intend to submit legislation," McCurry said.

Among possible changes to boost Democratic support: tightening the environmental and labor standards contained in the bill.

But warned Republican Archer: "I would not want to reopen those. They were crafted after considerable thought."

Commerce Secretary William Daley recently conceded the Asian crisis could make reviving fast track harder.

"The short answer is it is alive," he said. "We just have got to make a judgment at what point the patient jumps up and runs."

New gas prices result in more U.S. energy independence

WASHINGTON (AP) — With plenty of gas to fill up our tanks, and prices at the pump going down, the once-urgent quest for U.S. energy independence isn't getting so much as an afterthought.

Oil imports are up, well past 50 percent of total consumption — a level once set by Congress as America's peril point.

And nearly 20 points higher than 25 years ago, when the Arab oil embargo threw the American economy into turmoil, sent prices soaring and made lines at the gas station a national headache.

But as imports and consumption both went up in 1997, so did industry oil inventories, increasing to about 1 billion

barrels, the American Petroleum Institute reported.

With prices down by about 5 percent, that was good business.

Raising inventories in government reserves, to provide insurance against interruptions in foreign oil supplies, was part of the policy push prompted by the energy crises of 1973 and the late 1970s. The other was to curb the appetite for imports by promoting conservation and energy efficiency. The market hasn't done that; indeed, the increased flow of petroleum for gasoline has done the opposite.

By the numbers, according to the API,

petroleum imports went up 4.4 percent during 1997, to 53.1 percent of U.S. oil use.

More than half the increase in imports went into industry inventories rather than to immediate consumption.

Ironically, since Richard Nixon declared in 1973 that the United States should produce and conserve its way to self-sufficiency by 1980 — he called it Project Independent — reliance on imported oil has been increasing instead.

The 55 mph national speed limit was imposed as a conservation step after the 1973 Arab oil embargo. It was repealed late in 1995.

the United States is now 30 percent more energy efficient than 25 years ago.

Still, when the crises eased, business went back to usual. In 1990, Congress did vote to declare that 50 percent dependence on imported oil would be the peril point for U.S. national security.

In 1994, imports exceeded half of U.S. use for the first time.

Energy Department projections show imports could reach 60 percent by 2010.

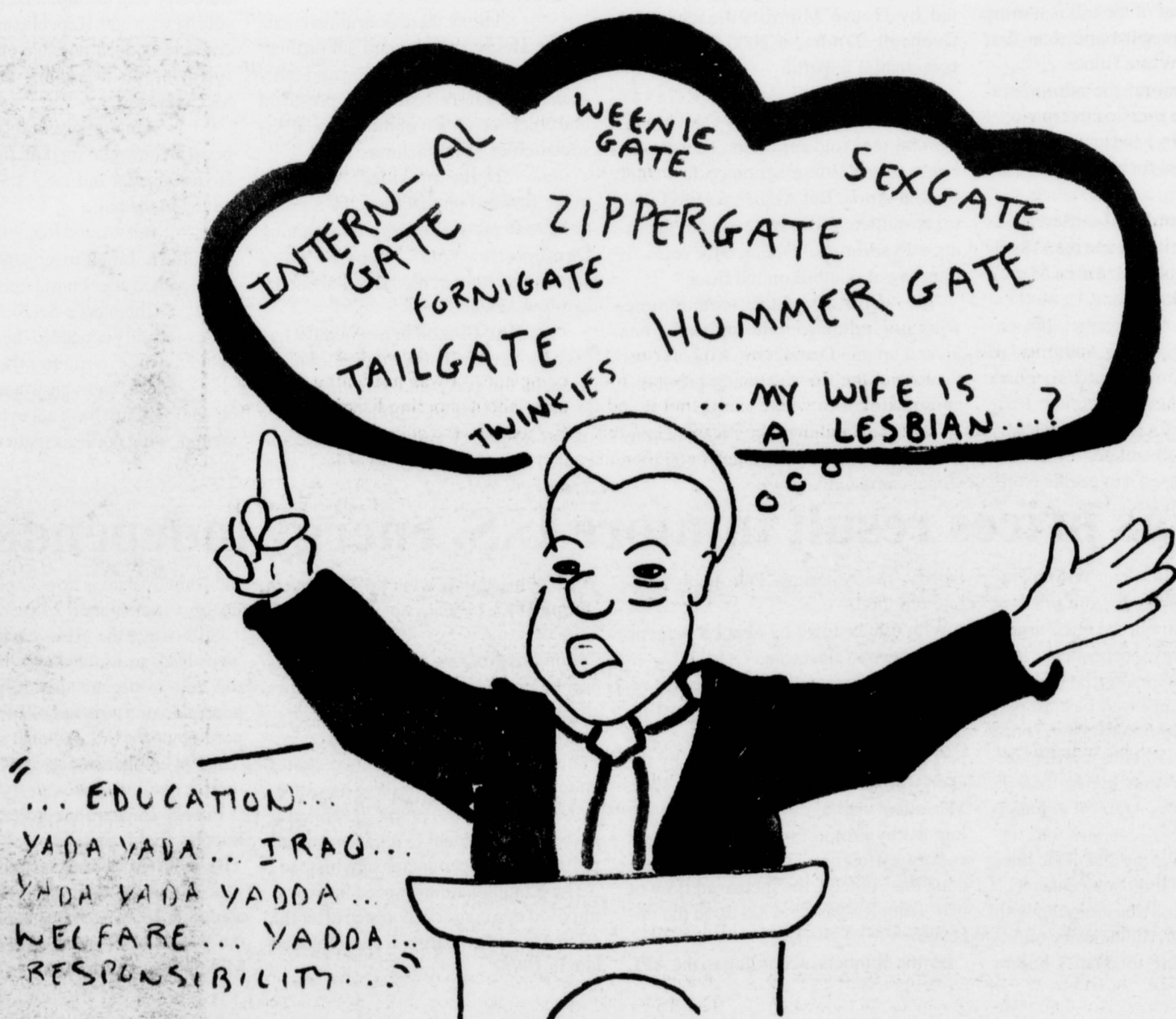
By industry account, technological advances and political changes have created new sources overseas and reduced the potential of another disruption in Middle Eastern supplies.

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R&B group LSG's first album is a huge success

by Eric Healey
staff music critic

In an era in which male R&B groups prevail, three solo R&B male artists have united to create a group named LSG. LSG consists of Gerald Levert, Keith Sweat and Johnny Gill. These three fine R&B artists have united to create one of the decade's greatest trios. This album, which is self-entitled, will take you on an emotional rollercoaster of sorts. A few tracks on the album will have you dancin' in the sheets. A few choice tracks ("Love Hurts," "Where Would We Go" and "Drove Me To Tears") will certainly take the roughest thug and drown him in a pool of tears. The success of LSG has been attributed to the past success of these artists. Elektra Entertainment have taken three of the most passionate and popular voices of our era and thrust them together. Success was inevitable. Elektra Entertainment, the label that houses LSG, has been accused of "formulating success." I swiftly counter the previous accusation with one simple question: What exactly is wrong with formulating success as long as the product is one of quality? The answer: NOTHING!!!



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LSG, the R&B supergroup. Their first album is a huge success despite accusations of "formulation."

Gerald Levert, Keith Sweat and Johnny Gill have all proven themselves as pro-

lific artists on their solo projects. The LSG compilation is simply a gift from

Elektra to all of the true R&B fans out there. Fans are not hesitating in buying this album. It's nearly impossible to purchase an LSG album due to the mass support the compilation has received. LSG seriously hooked it up on this album. Some of the featured artists on this effort are Busta Rhymes, Koko, Missy, LL Cool J, MC Lyte and many more. Some of my peeps out there in the MU community have asked me, "Who sounded the best? Levert, Sweat or Gill?" Though Levert and Gill thoroughly complimented Sweat, I say Keith Sweat performed the best on the album. Every track on this album is nothin' but melted butta. The only flaw I can see is that the album has no specific flow. It's almost as if LSG didn't have a certain theme when the creation of this album took place. In essence, what you have, is an album of terrific singles thrown together that make a collage which lacks definition. I award this effort 3.5 bombz.

Bombz Scale:

- 1 - Don't even consider this garbage.
- 2 - Several major flaws, lack of vision.
- 3 - Solid all around album yet lackluster.
- 4 - Outstanding album but has one or two minor flaws.
- 5 - Excellent album, no flaws.

While we were out in the desert shooting lizards...

by Josh Cusatis
leeches editor

So, we were in LA. Just visiting, really. It was one of those weekends that you just can't stay in the house but it's 20 below outside. So, you fly across the continent for a couple of days of rest and relaxation.

Like I was saying... We were in LA and we crashed this party at the Hilton (right on the ocean!). The three of us were drinking forties on the beach and it was just about time. Hunter and I were out on the balcony. Bob was in the room being belligerent and annoying. This could be to our advantage.

A familiar look swept over Hunter's eyes like it always does. One of the four girls who had the room was out on the balcony and Hunter started talking to her.

"Yeah, you see my friend in the room," Hunter said to her, pointing through the glass doors.

"Oh, yeah. He's a really... uh, fun guy," she choked back.

"Well, he seems like a riot now but tell your friends to try and not piss him off. That could be bad."

A shudder of fear rolled down her back and she looked back at Hunter and tried not to seem concerned.

"Why's that?" A tiny squeak of a voice.

"He's got a gun and they like to play together." He looked up at me. I realized that he was playing his "Stupid Person Game." "Did the mescaline kick in?" he asks me, smiling.

"About twenty minutes ago," I mutter back to him turning out to stare across the warm, ocean night and laughing, hysterically under my breath.

It's about this time that Hunter reaches into his shirt pocket to get a cigarette and that little, forbidden manila envelope dropped to the floor spilling its precious cargo of pills everywhere on the balcony.

"Oh, god! Those are Bob's pills! If he sees us like this he'll snap! Quick, put them back in there!"

He and the girl scramble around the floor. I see one by my foot and kick it to where she'll find it and I look back out over the Pacific. God, this night has turned out better than I thought it would.

Right as I begin to have a good time, there's a significantly loud knock

at the door. One of the girls hops up and trots to the door. As she opens it, I can make out a cop in the doorway.

"Hunter!" I shout in a whisper. "I think it's about time that we made our exit." A quick nudge of the head to make him look inside and at the cop.

"Oh... We're off."

At that, I throw the rest of my beer over the edge of the balcony and follow it fifteen floors to a smash. Hunter and I walk through the glass doors and grab Bob in mid-walk. We move right past the cop and out the door. In the hallway, we pass two more cops rushing to the scene. We get to the end of the hallway and press the button for the elevator which was already at the floor from the cops.

On the elevator with the doors closed, a collective roar emanated from the three of us. What a riot! If only all Friday nights could be this great.

"What did we leave for?" Bob complains. "I was just telling them the story about shooting lizards in the earlier today in the desert!"

Hunter grabs him by the shirt and throws him against the wall. "Those girls were underage! It was not a good scene!"

Outside and walking down the beach, I look up at Hunter. "This is just great. Now where are we going to spend the night?"

"The YMCA!" Like I said, Bob screams everything.

Hunter needs to express dissent.

"What's so great about staying at the YMCA? It always smells like a damned chlorine tablet!"

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Movie, "Titanic," is making huge waves

by Wayne LaForme
staff movie critic

This week's film is James Cameron's epic "Titanic" which he wrote and directed. It stars Kate Winslet as Rose Dewitt Bukater and Leonardo DiCaprio as Jack Dawson. Although it runs well over three hours, the movie is surprisingly well paced and very entertaining.

For all of you who do not know the story of the "unsinkable ship," here is the low down. A British ocean liner collides with an iceberg in the North Atlantic, the ship sinks leaving very few survivors.

In Cameron's story, an upper class girl, Rose DeWitt Bukater, falls in love with a third class passenger, Jack Dawson. Both are on their way home to America. Of course, this is all

happening behind the back of our villain, Cal, played by Billy Zane, who just happens to be Rose's fiance. When things start to unravel with the characters, the ship has already begun to sink. The story is told in the present through Rose, one of the few survivors, to a treasure hunter exploring the wreckage.

Except for the fictional romance of Rose and Jack the film is historically accurate. The ship is lavish and it seems nothing was spared to recreate the disaster. The haunting musical score sets the mood perfectly. If anything, the ship itself is worth a look and, in the film, every deck was shown in great detail.

"Titanic" is a thrilling romantic spectacle that will hold your interest. The actors have real chemistry and make everything believable. You know how it's going to end but you probably won't realize the real tragedy until you've seen it. (B)

Mountaineers finish first half in third place

Jason Feather
Sports Editor

The Mansfield Mountaineers men's basketball team is at the half-way point of their PSAC East schedule, and sitting all alone in third place with a 3-3 record after a split of two conference games this past week.

On Wednesday night, Mansfield welcomed East Stroudsburg University to Decker Gymnasium where the winner would move into a tie for second place, and the loser would occupy third place by itself.

The Mountaineers couldn't keep themselves out of foul trouble, and turned the ball over 22 times falling to ESU 85-77. The loss dropped Mansfield's overall record to 7-11, and ESU improved to 10-8 overall.

"We didn't lose the game be-

cause of the referees," head men's basketball coach Tom Ackerman said. "I just don't think that we played well throughout the game."

Steve Shannon was the game's high scorer with 18 points while pulling down six boards.

Both teams were hot early on from beyond the three-point arc, but cooled off in the second half.

The Mountaineers were 7 of 12 (58.3%) from downtown in the first half while East Stroudsburg missed just once from long range going 6 of 7 (85.3%).

The Mounties and Warriors exchanged buckets throughout the first 10 minutes of the game before ESU put together a run to gain a seven point advantage.

Mansfield would battle back to retake the lead with just over seven minutes left before the break, and built an eight point cushion of their own. but

the Warriors fought their way back to regain the lead just before the half at 41-37.

East Stroudsburg's junior college transfer Spencer Poulson led three Warrior players in double-digits with his 17 points. Freshman center Andy Ward contributed 15 points along with his game-high eight rebounds while Al Munford added 14 points and seven boards.

The Mountaineers set themselves up for this key game with against East Stroudsburg after an impressive 83-65 defeat of West Chester University last Saturday.

Shaud Broyles led the Mountaineers with 23 points, ten assists and seven rebounds while Tommy Harvey scored a game-high 24 points. The Mountaineers shot 56.6% from the floor for the game.

"Shaud really played well for us against West Chester," Ackerman

said. "As a team we took good shots, and played very good defense."

Mansfield kept the Rams on their heels the entire game with their fast break transition game, and their pressure defense held West Chester to just 39 % shooting for the game.

Two big conference games are up next for the Mountaineers starting this Saturday with a road trip for a showdown with second place Millersville University. The Mountaineers defeated the Marauders earlier in the month 70-67.

"We have to defend against them," said Ackerman. "They run a fairly simple offense, but if you don't work to defend, it is a very effective offense."

On Wednesday, the Mountaineers travel to Kutztown University with a meeting with the Golden Bears. Mansfield won the previous meeting 81-61 on the strength of Tyson Pye's 22 points and eight rebounds.

Mountaineer women struggle through two losses

Jason Feather
Sports Editor

Mansfield's women's basketball team has fought and scratched their way through the first half of the season, only to come away with a 0-6 conference record. However, that record doesn't speak volumes to the amount of heart these girls play with night in and night out.

"They have really been playing with a lot of confidence and resiliency," said first year head coach Luke Ruppel. "They work hard every time out."

This past week the Lady Mountaineers played two tough games against two of this seasons powerhouses in the PSAC, West Chester (third place) and East Stroudsburg (second place).

In the game against WCU, Mansfield had a tough day from the floor shooting just 28%, hitting on 16 of 57 attempts. They were also out-rebounded 52-33 for the game.

Colleen Doherty and Jackie Williams were the only two Mountaineers to reach double figure scoring with 11 and ten points respectively.

West Chester's Jodi Jancosko had the hot hand early making three of four attempts from three point land in the first half for eight of her game high 14 points.

The Lady Mountaineers had to

put the loss behind them and move on as the Warriors from East Stroudsburg strolled into Decker Gymnasium on Wednesday for their first half conference finale.

The Mountaineers and Warriors battled each other for control of the boards all night, but it was Mansfield's control of the ball, or lack there of, that gave ESU the victory, 85-67.

Mansfield committed 25 turnovers to East Stroudsburg's nine.

The Warriors were led by Amanda Buss' 22 points.

The Mountaineers saw three players reach the double-figure mark, Jill Masker leading the way with her game-high 25 points while Tracy Moser contributed 12 points to go along with her 16 rebounds. Senior point guard Cheryl Farabaugh added 13 points to the Mountaineers' cause.

"I'd like to see us take better care of the basketball," Ruppel later said.

The Lady Mountaineers are now 1-18 overall on the season with two tough road contests up next against Millersville University on Saturday, and Kutztown University Wednesday.

GIANT 89.5 FM will be broadcasting game back to the Mansfield area live beginning with the pregame at 5:45 p.m.

PSAC Men's Basketball Standings

Eastern Division

Team	Conf.	All
Bloomsburg	6-0	12-6
E. Stroudsburg	4-2	10-8
Millersville	4-2	8-8
MANSFIELD	3-3	7-11
West Chester	2-4	13-6
Cheyney	2-4	9-9
Kutztown	0-6	7-12

PSAC Women's Basketball Standings

Eastern Division

Team	Conf.	All
Bloomsburg	6-0	15-4
Kutztown	4-2	11-7
E. Stroudsburg	4-2	10-10
Millersville	3-3	11-7
West Chester	3-3	7-10
Cheyney	1-5	6-11
MANSFIELD	0-6	1-18

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A	Kutztown University	6 & 8 p.m.

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Broncos win Super Bowl, All-Star game up next by David Pascal

EL-YEA!!! The AFC finally broke its thirteen year losing streak on Sunday with the Denver Broncos beating the Green Bay Packers 31-24 in the Super Bowl.

It was probably the most competitive Super Bowl in recent history. It had everything that you want in a Super Bowl, good hits, great athletes, and a game that was as well played as any Super Bowl in history.

The Bronco's attack was led on the ground by the AFC's leading rusher Terrell Davis, the Super Bowl MVP, who had 156 yards and three touchdowns, a Super Bowl record.

The keys to this game were settled on the defensive side of the ball. The Denver defense stepped up their play, showing many different blitz packages and a different look to confuse Favre. On Green Bay's end the defense struggled with the ground game of the Bronco's. Fatigue began to set in and the Packer defensive line just couldn't handle the conditioning, speed, and brute strength of the Denver offensive line.

This led to the disappearance of key performers such as Reggie White and touted defensive back LeRoy Butler.

All in all, this was probably the best Super Bowl that I have ever witnessed and the outcome finally came out in a fashion that I like. The AFC finally exorcised their demons, and got the monkey off the backs. Personally, I don't think it could have happened to a more deserving guy. All the credit in the world goes to John Elway and the Denver Broncos. I don't know, but that's just my opinion.

On the NBA beat, the upcoming All-Star Game should provide you NBA fans with some good entertainment, however some of your more notable star will not be in attendance. This year players receiving the "snub" more so than in recent years.

On the East side of the ball teammates Rod Strickland and Chris Webber both should have received a bid. Strickland leading the whole NBA in assists and Webber was denied his third

straight appearance.

I feel "The Worm" Dennis Rodman, was unjustifiably denied an all-star birth. He leads the league in rebounding for eighth straight year, for crying out loud!!!

Making another valuable run at an appearance, were two exquisite point guards in The Sixers Allen Iverson and The Nets Sam Cassel. Both players show outstanding skill on the court and great ability to finish in the open court. Cassel has career highs in points per game, rebounds, and assists. Iverson leads his team with 20.2 ppg average, and has bettered his assists to turnover ratio.

Even though, on the East there are some players that made it rightfully so.

Jayson Williams of the Nets, I feel deserved his spot along with the backup center Rik Smits from the Pacers. Both players receiving their first birth.

Anfernee Hardaway, although he probably would have deserved, he

didn't, he was injured most of the season.

On the Western end of the league I was more than happy to see sophomore sensation Kobe Bryant make his first all-star appearance, along with Tim Duncan and Kevin Garnett. The 6'11" swingman makes his first appearance in grand fashion.

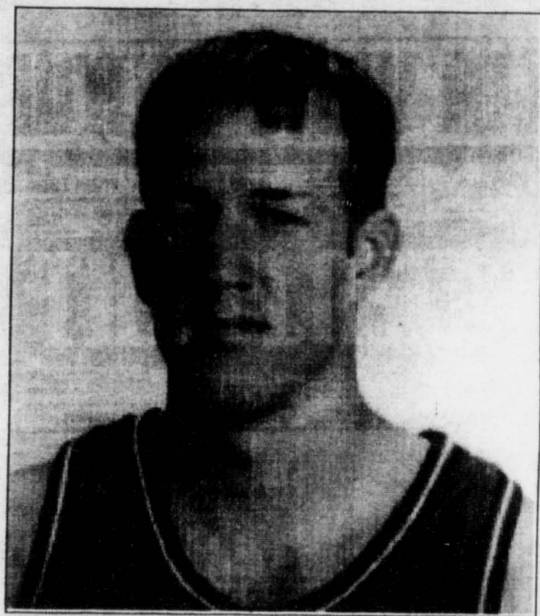
The talents of Nick Van Exel and Shaquille O'Neal were not needed for the squad both are having subpar seasons.

On the top of the deserving list is Garnett's teammate Tom Gugliotta, who leads a team which could also argue a spot for the point guard Stephon Marbury. Also under consideration should be, the wild veteran Sir Charles Barkley of the Rockets, and Shareef Abdur-Raheem the second year power forward from the Vancouver Grizzlies.

Basically, the All-Star game should be a great game despite all the missing talent. So make sure you keep that in mind.

I don't know, but that's just my opinion.

MOUNTAINEER ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Rich Miller, a graduate student for the Mountaineers men's basketball team, was named the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Eastern Division Rookie Player of the Week for his outstanding performance during the week ending 1/25/98.

Miller, a 6-2 shooting guard, averaged 11.7 points and 3.7 rebounds while dishing out four assists in Mountaineer wins over Houghton College, Pitt-Bradford and West Chester during the week.

He scored a season high 17 points in the win over Houghton, connecting on 5 of 11 3-point field goal attempts. For the season, Miller is averaging 6.1 points per game in 18 contests while hitting 25 3-pointers, second best on the team.

"Rich has really played well for us this year," head men's basketball coach Tom Ackerman said. "He plays smart, doesn't commit the mental mistakes, and he has a great work ethic."

Miller, the son of Rich and Gloria Miller, graduated from Bucknell University last year. He was a four year starter at punter and place kicker, and earned All-Patriot League honors twice.

This story was provided by Sports Information Director Steve McCloskey.

Mountaineer grapplers earn first two dual meet victories

Special to the Flashlight

The Mansfield University wrestling team recorded its first two victories on their dual meet schedule with wins over Longwood College (VA) and Cheyney University to post a 2-3 overall finish at the NCAA Division II East Region Duals held on the campus of Shippensburg University.

The Mountaineers posted a 25-23 win over Longwood and a 28-18 victory over Cheyney. They dropped matches to American International (MA) (42-5), Southern Connecticut

(36-12) and Indianapolis (47-9).

Tim Tuttle led the way for the Mountaineers by winning all five of his matches on the day including three pins at heavyweight. Tuttle pinned Chris White of Longwood in 3:52; Chris Conner of AIC in 2:34 and John Gagnon of Southern Connecticut in 2:14 in his first three matches of the meet. His 6-3 decision over Cheyney's Jason Reeves and a forfeit against Indianapolis earned Tuttle his clean sweep of the competition. Tuttle is now 12-6 overall with a team high four pins.

Jason Worden went 3-1 during at 167 for the Mountaineers along with freshman Kris Kearns at 158.

MU swimmers earn second victory

Special to the Flashlight

Freshmen Tricha Allen and Candace Cipolla were each triple winners in leading Mansfield University to a 58-30 win over Wells College last Saturday.

Allen won the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:20.7 as well as the 500 free, touching the wall at 6:28.9 while

Cipolla took top honors in the 200 IM with a time of 2:26.7 and 100 fly at 1:09.9. Both were members of the winning 200 medley relay team.

Also earning first place finishes for the Mountaineers were Katie Danielson in the 100 back and Jen Rossman 1000 freestyle.

Another road trip, this time to Edinboro University is up next for the Mountaineers whose record improved to 2-4 with the win.

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Martin Luther King conference focuses on community

by Thomas A. Jones
layout editor

This year's Martin Luther King Jr. Intercultural Relations Conference which began Thursday, January 29 and will end the 31, focuses on improving campus climate, preparing students to strive in a global community, increasing awareness of world cultures, and creating comfortable environments for everyone.

The conference is held to commemorate the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the President's Advisory Board for Diversity, and the Black Students Union.

Ron Smith, who is on the conference planning committee and Director of the Mansfield University Affirmative Action Office said, "It has always been a well-run, well-orchestrated conference."

Annie Cooper, Director of Intercultural Relations at Mansfield University, spoke affirmatively about this weekend's conference.

"Yes, the sessions and workshops are very good," said Cooper.

Cooper did mention a few concerns about student involvement this weekend.

"I'm always concerned about how much campus participation," Cooper said.

According to Cooper, this conference has been on campus for 4 years now. The conference was started by some students who were concerned about several issues that led them to form the conference.

"Some students from the organizations, particularly Black Students Union expressed concerns about hav-



photo by Thom Jones

Students register for this weekend's Martin Luther King, Jr. Intercultural Relations Conference.

ing a conference on this campus," said Cooper. "Another concern was that we do not get the day off for Martin Luther King Jr. day."

Cooper said that the students discussed it with Maresco, and it would probably be appropriate for the group to be active.

Janis Floyd, another conference organizer, said she was pleased that more of our faculty was involved this year.

"Every year," said Floyd, "we've gotten better and more students

attending."

Warren Anderson of SGA fame, and another conference organizer said, "A lot of people pulled together. The anticipation is building."

Regarding this year's conference workshops, Warren said that they should all be equally interesting, and the African-American art on display in the Martin Luther King Jr. center should be especially good.

In addition to Mansfield University students who will be attending

the conference this weekend, several students from Shippensburg will be on campus to participate.

Chad Politan, a junior from Shippensburg, said, "I expect to learn a lot in terms of diversity. I hope to make a lot of contacts."

Some of the session and workshop topics are: a feature movie and continuous film theatre, African-American Artists and their subject matter, artistic expressions: the Heritage of Africa, Changing Perspectives through travel abroad, classroom strategies for culturally diverse students, cultural identity and societal influences, multicultural perspectives and food from around the world, Prejudice, "Sinchikay": a glimpse of three Andean indigenous communities, student leaders round table discussion, and the status of affirmative action.

Richard Newton Morris, MU Alumni, will be presenting a session on Self-Identity on Saturday.

"I want people to understand more about who they are, not what you are," said Morris. "Do you identify yourself through your name, your religion, or what?"

Morris hopes that students attending his session will be able to better determine who they are.

Morris also stated that he is looking forward to see "Africville Suite" on Sunday, in Steadman. The group originally hails from Canada, and he is interested to see how they perform.

Concurrent sessions/workshops will be facilitated by university and public school faculty, administrators, and students. The major focus will be in the areas of: Intercultural Relations, International and Multicultural Issues, Affirmative Action, Understanding Diversity, and Bridging Gaps in Social Relationships and Cultural Education.

"They are all good sessions," said Cooper.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Intercultural Relations Conference January 29-31, 1998

Program Schedule

Thursday, January 29, 1998

6pm Registration and Refreshments
Allen Hall

7pm Movie and discussion (Higher Learning)

Friday, January 30, 1998 (Lunch on your own)

10-4pm Conference Registration
Retan Center/Lobby

11-5pm Special Session:

Artistic Expressions: The Heritage of Africa
(presenters: Bonnie Kutbay, Associate Professor of Art and Students)
Allen Hall/Auditorium

10-4pm Exhibit: African-American and Africa Art
Memorial Hall/Martin Luther King Jr. Center

1-5pm Multicultural Film Theatre
Retan Center 210

1:30-2:45 Concurrent Sessions I
Contemporary African-American Artists
(Regional Carter, Associate Professor of Art
Allen Hall 111

Discrimination in Verse
(Larry Miller, Professor of Art)
Retan Center 105

Transition to the College Culture-Teachers, Tutors, and a
Dream-090 Experience
Kenneth Musselman, Asst. Professor of Education and Monica
Glenn
Retan Center 211

3:00-4:15 Concurrent Sessions II
Tioga County and the Underground Railroad
(Valerie Person, MU Graduate)
Retan Center 105

PREJUDICE
(Barry Brucklacher, Associate Professor of Education and J.
Retan Center 215

4:30-5:45 Concurrent Sessions III
Self-Identity
(Richard Newton Morris, MU Graduate)
Retan Center 211

Changing Perspectives through Travel Abroad
(Celeste Sexauer, professor of Special Education and Students)
Retan Center 105

6pm Banquet
Keynote Address: "The Power of the Dream and Building
Multicultural and Diverse Communities"
(Marilyn Rigby, Radford University, Virginia)
Manser, North Dining Hall
(vegetarian choices will be included on the buffet)

9pm Student Party
Zanzibar

Saturday, January 31, 1998

9am Conference Registration
Retan Center/Lobby

9-11am Exhibit: African-American and Africa Art
Memorial Hall/Martin Luther King Jr. center

9-10:15 Concurrent Sessions I
Bringing New Cultures into the Classroom Community by
Storytelling
(Bonelyn Kyofski, Professor of Education)
Retan 211

Diversity Through Leadership
(Diane Jefferson, Director of Multicultural Affairs,
Shippensburg University)
Retan Center 105

10:30-11:45 Concurrent Sessions II
"Sinchikay" A Glimpse of Three Andean Indigenous Commu-
nities
(Philip 'El Che' Savoye, Professor of Mathematics)
Retan Center 105

Classroom Strategies for Culturally Diverse Students
Retan Center 211

11:45-2 BREAK

2pm Rick Lucero, Assistant Professor of Special Education)
Africville Suite
Featuring the Joe Sealy Quartet
from Toronto, Canada
Steadman Theatre

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Music major passes after battle with cancer

by Katie Evans
staff reporter

Butler Center was in mourning Monday, as respects to a fallen friend were paid.

Saint Eulalia's Catholic Church in Coudersport was filled with family and friends who came with their remembrances.

Rachel Williams, Mansfield University music education major, passed away Friday, January 30, after a long battle against cancer. She was twenty-nine years old.

Diagnosed several years ago with carsinova, a cancer of the heart, she was able to beat it.

After attaining a clean bill of health, she returned to Mansfield to get her teaching certification.

She suffered a relapse, however, and this time her body had developed an immunity to the chemotherapy.

Williams had previously attained a degree in Music Performance, and was supposed to begin student teaching this semester, despite her debilitating illness.

An accomplished pianist, Williams accompanied the Mansfield Concert Choir.

She also sang in this past semester's Opera Workshop.

Mr. Robert Amchin, Associate Professor of music, as well as Williams' advisor, remembers her as "a very bright student, a very positive influence on everybody, regardless of her illness. She was respected by faculty and students alike."

Senior music major Alyssa Munger agreed, saying she downplayed her illness immensely.

"The day before she died, she was planning her apartment in New York City," Amchin said.

The Mansfield Concert Choir, and associate music professor, Dr. Jean-Ann Teal, performed, with the eulogy by Dr. Michael Galloway, professor of music.

"She would have loved teaching, and certainly would have been great," Amchin said. "She was a hard worker, she wanted to share her love for music with people, she was very positive about that."

"She had the most awesome laugh," friends Julissa Perez, said. "She was beautiful, she judged no one. She was just so loved. You'd look at her, and wonder how the hell she did it, and she'd shrug it off and say she was just doing what she had to stay alive. She was just angelic."

Close friend Vince Salvadge

had shared an apartment with her until this semester, and had planned on sharing another in New York City.

"She was one of the best people I've ever met. She was warm, loving, gentle, talented, caring, beautiful; a very rare type of person," Salvadge said.

"Think of everything good, and that's her. She was the closest thing to an angel I've ever known. Her favorite saying, was 'Don't sweat the small stuff, because there isn't any.' She really lived life to the fullest. I would go with her to get treatment, and she would come back so sick, and would lie down and take a nap, but then she'd get up and take a shower and come out dressed to the nines, very fashionable. You would never know she was so sick. She didn't waste any time being negative."

Chinese professor offers new perspective to campus

by Joe Wagner
news editor

For most Mansfield University students, their knowledge of Chinese culture is limited to the menu at the Magic Wok. Yesterday, however, the truth about one of the more unsavory aspects of Chinese culture was powerfully illustrated for a group of Mansfield University students and faculty.

Professor Yu Fengdi is currently the chair of Nanjing University's English Division of the Department of Applied Foreign Language Studies in China. Fengdi lectured yesterday in North Hall's Community Room about the history and present state of Chinese women.

"In the feudal society of early China, women had no rights: no right to choose a husband, no right to decide about family, no right to work, and no right for any social activities," Fengdi said.

Fengdi opened her lecture by describing and explaining her full Chinese name. She said that the explanation would help students realize how deep the oppressive Chinese culture runs.

Some elements of Fengdi's given name translate directly to a wish for a son.

"From my name you can see that every family wishes for a male child."

It is better to have a male to carry on the family line. And it is even better to have two males than one in case one child dies," Fengdi said. "This all stems from the teachings of Confucious."

Confucious was, according to many, a great Chinese philosopher and teacher of the fifth century B.C.

Fengdi continued her lecture by describing four distinct stages of oppression against women in China during the 1900's.

In China before 1911, beginning with the feudal Sung Dynasty, women had virtually no rights.

During this period, women suffered from a cultural phenomenon called foot binding. Fengdi explained that by the age of three or four years, a female child would have the bones in the top of her feet broken.

"Both of my grandmothers had this happen to them. Footbinding made it so that girls could not go before boys. They could not move faster. And maybe, when a girl was forced to walk on her heels she was considered to look pretty," Fengdi said. "Basically it made the woman stay home and cook and clean."

The second era, beginning with 1911 and ending with 1949 was punctuated by an end of the feudal society. It was replaced by Dr. Sun Yet-Song and a democratic government. Some people say that Yet-Song "was the father of the Chinese people the way Washington was the father of the American people."

"During this period, more and more people were well off concerning



photo by Joe Wagner

Yu Fengdi, a professor visiting the United States from China, addresses the campus Thursday afternoon.

women. They wanted to finish the suffering," Fengdi said. "But, it was just a few liberal and intellectual families that started letting their girls go to school."

Yet-Song outlawed footbinding in 1911. During this period, explained Fengdi, there was an ideological change in China but not much of a change in practice.

In 1949 Mao Tse Tung overthrown the present government and began his own regime. This era lasted from March 1949 until 1980.

"Mao was better because he

believed in the people. During this time the realization was that men and women were equal," Fengdi said.

Still during this era, some families adhered to the traditional belief that women were inferior explained Fengdi. As a result of this, some women refused to marry.

"You can understand their feeling. They didn't want to belong to a man," Fengdi said.

Fengdi explained that after 1980, in the modern era of China, the outside world had a great impact upon the ideology of suppressing women. Women became less oppressed as outsiders came into the country bringing foreign ideas.

"In this period, I think in my mind, Chinese women can visualize and actualize their potential and talent. Never before in Chinese history could this have happened," Fengdi said. "We have things now that we've never had. We have quite a few successful manageresses. They are no worse than any men."

Fengdi did not deny the fact that being a pretty woman is an asset in business. In fact she emphasized that sometimes being a pretty makes things easier.

Fengdi wrapped up her presentation by illustrating the different eras of Chinese oppression by using four generations of her family. She began by using her grandmothers that were born just before the turn of the century. Her

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Field narrows to three candidates as process approaches final stage

Abebe, Halstead and Rankin to go before Board of Governors as campus awaits decision

by Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

The ongoing process of selecting a new president for Mansfield University continued this week as the presidential search committee submitted a trimmed list of candidates earlier this week.

Dr. Teshome Abebe, Dr. John Halstead and Dr. Samuel Rankin, after appearing individually before various segments of the campus community in the past two weeks, advanced to the next stage of the process.

Rankin, currently serving as

president of Chadron State College in Nebraska, visited the campus last Friday and Saturday and was the last of five prospective candidates being considered.

In his address to the MU community in Steadman Theatre on Friday, Rankin introduced his wife, Sharon, who stunned some members of the audience by comparing her community to the Mansfield community.

"We don't see as many people out there as you people see here," she said.

Dr. Rankin also fielded questions about Nebraska and his resume. According to his resume, Rankin is an "Admiral in the Great Navy of the State

of Nebraska." When a student questioned his ability to serve in a naval fleet in such a landlocked state as his, Rankin said he was proud of his honor but, "I really need to correct that on my resume."

Another member of the audience asked Rankin what other members of the Chadron faculty would say if someone were to call and inquire about his job performance. Rankin conceded that there are probably a few people who would criticize his performance but that more would describe his work as satisfactory or better.

"If you called back there I think you'd find a lot of people who are very

happy with my past 12 years," he said.

In his career at Chadron, Rankin saw 80 percent of the dormitory rooms become internet and email accessible and he observed that students have changed, as well.

"We now have a student generation focused on questions that are important," he said.

On faculty scholarship research, Rankin said: "The best teachers I have known have been active in their discipline."

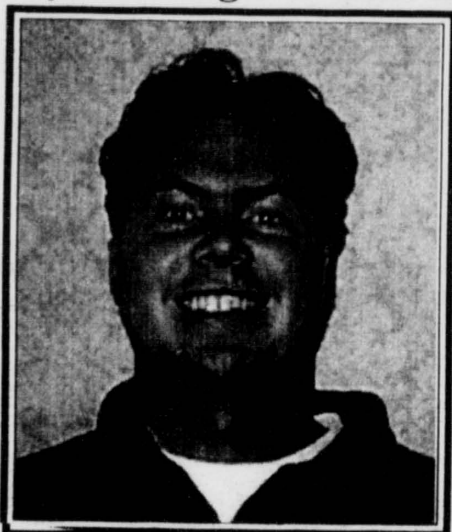
Saturday morning, Rankin met

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Campus Voices

"Have you been affected by the recent influenza epidemic at Mansfield University?"

by Gene Yager & Katie Evans



Tom Van Arsdale
Freshman

"No. I just heard about it in one of my classes."



Jason "Buck" Worden
Senior

"No, I haven't."



Amy Pugh
Senior

"Yes. I'm student teaching. I get everything the kids do."

Lori Subers
Freshman

"I had it. I missed two days of classes. I was hoping they'd cancel classes."

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a bleary-eyed group of students and members of the Student Government Association executive board in North Hall. Rankin acknowledged that students hadn't had much time to meet him but meeting everyone would be next to impossible.

"It's hard to please everyone," he said. "Everyone has an interest in this process."

Details about the search committee's decision are sketchy. Members of the committee have agreed not to speak individually about their decision, but students who regularly attended the question and answer sessions with most, if not all, of the candidates.

Rustin Kreider, senior, felt the selections made by the committee mirrored the feelings of the students.

"From the students I've talked to, the three candidates selected were the student's choices," he said.

Kreider added that, of the remaining three, he liked Abebe but felt Rankin might make a better president.

"Abebe is exceptional in his speaking and it seems like he's accomplished a lot. He's well qualified but Rankin is better fit for the university," he said. "Rankin is more like the present people (at MU)."

Rob Thomas, an MU masters degree student, agreed with Kreider.

"I liked Abebe. Of all five candidates, I thought he was the most sincere and diverse," he said.

Halstead, the third remaining candidate, made Thomas feel uneasy.

"It appeared to me that he was running for the President of the United States and not the President of MU," he said. "If there was a baby in the front row, he would have been kissing it."

The final three candidates now face the final stage of the selection process. The Board of Governors will select the new president of MU and the decision is scheduled to be announced February 13th or 14th.

The selection process began after current President Rod Kelchner announced his retirement last summer.

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grandmothers faced footbinding and the total oppression of the Sung Dynasty.

Fengdi ended her by using the example of her two daughters.

"My husband and I feel free. There is no burden on us or my daughters," Fengdi said. "They got married before we even saw their husbands."

Fengdi then fielded questions from the crowd about the Chinese preference for male children and then about China's one child policy.

The lecture was well received

by the crowd of thirty attendees.

"People's eyes were bright, they were paying attention and connecting with what she was saying," Dr. Lynn Pifer said. "I thought that it was really good, especially when she used the examples of her family."

Dr. Andy Longoria agreed with Pifer's observations.

"I think it was interesting and enlightening and a really good opportunity for people in this geographic region to have a better understanding of other parts of the world and other people."

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Student newspaper topic of Tuesday's forum

by Thomas A. Jones
layout editor

Laurel Lounge was home to a Forum entitled "Power of the Press: Who's Right? The Flashlight? or its Critics?" on Tuesday, February 3. The Forum covered the Flashlight's behavior in covering issues on campus and lasted almost two hours.

Discussant Ron Smith, began the forum by stressing that the discussion was not about the freedom of speech. Instead, Smith said, the discussion should center on the responsibilities the Flashlight has to Mansfield University.

"The words in the media carry weight that is not awarded the words of the populace," said Smith. "This discussion is not about the freedom of expression, it is about accuracy, sensitivity, and civility."

Smith acknowledged that the freedom of speech is an important one, but said, "Just because you can, is not adequate rationale to do it."

Smith then went on to speak about the history of the Flashlight and how the layout emphasizes sexist, racist or even ignorant tendencies.

"The history of the Flashlight is not so good," Smith said.

Flashlight editor Darren Meehan began his opening speech by explaining that the Flashlight could not be compared with the New York Times any more than the Mounties could be compared to professional sports teams.

"We do hold the Flashlight to a level of pride," Meehan said.

Meehan spoke about the difficulties involved in putting together a newspaper with minimal staff and not receiving assistance from faculty or certain members of the administration.

Smith also mentioned that in the free-market, the dollar vote determines whether a quarter or dollar and a half newspaper will survive, but here at Mansfield, the student newspaper is supported by Student Activities fees.

Meehan responded: "You can either come in and help, or don't read it."

The floor opened up to questions and several were raised concerning the Flashlight's accuracy and judgment in past issues.

Philip Savoye, Associate Professor of Mathematics and Computer Sciences said, "I remember reading a letter to the editor by Dr. Carrish."

Savoye said the Flashlight took

some statements she did not make and put them in quotation. This reminded him of a similar experience when an article written about the international exchange program with Russia concerned himself and a student.

Annie Cooper, Director of Multicultural Relations questioned the liberties taken by the Flashlight editorial board in several commentaries.

"Freedoms are taken," said Cooper. "And where does it end?"

However, there was some support in the audience for the Flashlight.

"I think to restrict because it insults is wrong because it has a message," Dr. Jay Gertzman Professor of English said.

At the close of his argument Smith spoke about some of the errors the Flashlight editorial board has made in the past.

"MU police report contextual errors in the police beat," Smith said, referring to the weekly report of Mansfield University police that appears in the Flashlight.

Smith also raised questions to a commentary written about an employee of the University called "Dense-Betty." The commentary suggested that "Dense-Betty" was not fulfilling the duties her job entailed.

Smith stated that the description of the job held by "Dense-Betty" was incorrect.

"The Flashlight is calling for someone's job," said Smith. "Without knowing what the job is or isn't."

Smith also mentioned other problems in judgment on the Flashlight's part.

"The Flashlight, in one issue has more 4 letter words in an issue than an entire month of the New York Times," Smith said.

Meehan acknowledged that the Flashlight has received complaints regarding the Flashlight in the past.

"It is frustrating when we get complaints," Meehan said.

Meehan also said that the controversial editorials and commentaries are what has made students read the paper.

"We can't and we haven't pleased all the people," Meehan said.

However, Meehan stressed that the Flashlight has certainly improved and is now more widely read by students than in previous years.

"If they [previous Flashlight staffs] got a paper out before they passed out, fine. If not, fine," Meehan said.

"A Night at the Opera" shown in Allen lecture hall

by Thomas A. Jones
layout editor
and Sarah Beaumont
staff reporter

On Thursday, February 5, Dr. Andrew Longoria hosted the first installment of the Film and Lecture Series. The movie, "A Night at the Opera," starred Groucho, Chico, and Harpo Marx in their hilarious send-up of high-society.

"Tonight's film is about mid-way through their career," Longoria said.

The Marx Brothers had just shifted from Paramount to MGM. The earlier films were a lot of fluff, not a lot

of meat. This was the first film to have a real story line.

The film begins in Italy and traces the career of a struggling opera star, his love and attempts to make a reputation for himself in America. Against this backdrop the Marx Brothers slapstick comedy disrupts the New York Opera house.

"This is one of two of the Marx Brothers movies made that the Library of Congress considers to be a national treasure," Longoria said.

Although Groucho, Harpo and Chico never completed high-school they were all highly intelligent. Harpo taught himself to completely play the piano,

while Chico learned the piano and taught his brothers.

"A Night at the Opera" features a demonstration of the brothers talent on their respective instruments.

Dr. Longoria continued to explain that the original plot designated for the film was entirely different.

"Harpo was to be the world's greatest tenor," Longoria said.

Harpo Marx was distinguished from his brothers because he never spoke on screen.

In a later interview Harpo said that his character didn't speak because early in his career he received a bad review regarding how terrible his voice

was.

Student reaction to the film was positive.

Freshman Liz Visotska said she thoroughly enjoyed the movie.

"It was good," said Mansfield University student Kari Weller. She especially liked the physical humor.

"It surprised me because normally I don't like Black and White films," Weller said.

The movie had a cultural side to it also said Longoria, "It has elements that people can relate to. The most important thing is that it's fun."

The film and lecture series is sponsored by the Provost's office

Black History Month profile of the week

Air Force veteran directs student activities

by Joseph P. West
wire editor

With a large desk and a computer on it, there sits a man behind it with enough stories and laughs to fill an auditorium. He has worked for the university for over twenty years. His name is Clarence Crisp, he is the director of student activities and the Martin Luther King Center which resides in the ageless Memorial Hall in the central section of Mansfield University's campus.

Since becoming a vital member of MU's community, Mr. Crisp has seen many changes and said changes are abound, no matter what.

"Changes are going to happen, whether for the good or the bad, sometimes it is to be seen," Mr. Crisp said Wednesday during an interview with the Flashlight "Nothing exists forever."

Mr. Crisp is a U.S. Air Force

veteran. He said he enlisted in 1965 with a friend to work on engines. He spent four years in the service. Following his stint in the military Mr. Crisp went on to the University of Wyoming. Around this time he decided to start a family, which now includes five children and four grandchildren.

"We chose the Air Force because we liked working on engines and motors." While Crisp primarily worked on the 106 Delta Wing aircraft, he said his enlistment friend went to work on the SR-71.

Besides working on airplanes in the service, Crisp said he learned other valuable lessons about life.

"We learned responsibility and we learned humility, dignity, teamwork... because if you don't work as a unit in the service you can't get anything done, Crisp said. "It gives you a look at what you don't want to do, and gives you a look at what you could do."

"It doesn't rain in the military, it rains on it," said Mr. Crisp with a roar of laughter that could make President Clinton laugh.

With governmental affairs in the news, the topic of President Clinton arose. Crisp said he does not care about the allegations against the president.

"He is a human being, and with that comes all the other things we do as human beings," Crisp said. "Anytime you become a leader... you're going to take some shots...and when they see you falter, they want to be there to help step on your neck."

"I would reelect him today, I have no problem with that," concluded Mr. Crisp.

Mr. Crisp also said the new fitness and recreation center is a good idea for the campus community.

"Our health is a major concern," Crisp said.

About the university presiden-



photo by Melissa Wascalus

Pictured above is Clarence Crisp, Director of student activities

tial search, Crisp said he had found interest in all except the final candidate, which he did not get a chance to see.

"They were all interesting in their own way," Crisp said. "It's hard to know what you're going to get."

Global News



Pa.'s four women on death row must wait to die, unlike Karla Tucker

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A South Philadelphia hooker. A poor drug user. A Port Richmond resident looking for a few bucks from a Greek immigrant. And a wholesaler of bulk candy.

All four women have been sentenced to death like Karla Faye Tucker, the pickax killer turned born-again Christian who was executed Tuesday evening in Texas.

The key difference is that Donetta Hill, 31, Kelley O'Donnell, 31, Delores Rivers, 44, and Carolyn Ann King, 32, are on death row in Pennsylvania, which has not been as efficient as Texas in ushering its condemned to their deaths.

None of Pennsylvania's women on death row has an execution date set, or is even close to reaching the end of her appeals, said Robert Dunham, executive director of a Philadelphia-based death penalty defense center.

"I would very strongly hope that people, whether male or female, not be executed when they have not been properly sentenced (to death)," said Dunham, who contends there are serious flaws in the state's case against each woman.

For his part, Lebanon City Police Chief Mike Wahmann, a former chief county detective who investigated King's case in September 1993, said he's sure the former bulk candy wholesaler and her boyfriend are guilty of breaking into 74-year-old Guy Goodman's house, dragging him into his basement and putting a plastic bag over his head as they robbed him. Her boyfriend also received a death sentence.

"If you commit a homicide that qualifies under death penalty provisions, there should be no distinction as to race, creed, color or sex. If it applies, it applies," Wahmann said.

While Jerry Feaser, a spokesman for Gov. Tom Ridge, says Ridge feels the same way, his execution warrants don't show it.

Ridge has signed 105 execution warrants, but the only woman named in the warrants is Ms. Hill, a South Philadelphia prostitute convicted of fatally beating two customers for shortchanging her.

Ridge's press secretary Tim Reeves

says Ridge has followed a procedure since taking office.

"He proceeds chronologically, with the oldest first," Reeves said. "But he skips over the cases where appeals are pending. If a judge has agreed to hear an appeal, then they're not going to allow an execution."

Ms. Hill, however, has several appeals open to her, Dunham says, and only two executions have been carried out since the death penalty was reinstated in Pennsylvania despite the flurry of warrants.

Pennsylvania has executed women twice. The last time was in 1946 when Corrine Sykes, a 22-year-old black housemaid was executed in the electric chair for stabbing a housewife from the city's Oak Lane neighborhood and stealing \$2,000 in jewelry.

Irene Schroeder — the first woman to be executed in Pennsylvania for fatally shooting a state highway patrol officer — was allowed to climb into the chair on Feb. 23, 1931, wearing her finest clothing.

Of Pennsylvania's current group of women on death row, the 44-year-old Ms. Rivers has been awaiting execution the longest. She was sentenced to death in 1989 for fatally stabbing 77-year-old Violet Burt for drug money. Ms. Burt, who used a wheelchair, had been under Ms. Rivers' care.

Ms. Rivers' defense had been that police arrested her because she was a poor black drug user. Her case is under post-conviction review.

Ms. O'Donnell was sentenced in 1993 for the murder and dismemberment of Eleftherios Eleftheriou, a 50-year-old Greek immigrant from Northeast Philadelphia. Parts his body were found in trash bags along the Delaware River. Police said one of his eyes, his eyelid and his penis were found in a pencil case that belonged to Ms. O'Donnell.

These days, all four women spend their days in seclusion on the second floor at Muncy State Prison. They get one hour of recreation a day, but even then they are handcuffed behind the back and taken to a caged area, said Patti Stover, a spokeswoman for Muncy.

Sights of some of the Winter Olympics

(AP)

1960 — Squaw Valley, California, United States

1964 — Innsbruck, Austria

1968 — Grenoble, France

1972 — Sapporo, Japan

1976 — Innsbruck, Austria

1980 — Lake Placid, New York, United States

1984 — Sarajevo, Yugoslavia

1988 — Calgary, Alberta, Canada

1992 — Albertville, France

1994 — Lillehammer, Norway

1998 — Nagano, Japan

2002 — Salt Lake City, Utah, United States

No Games in 1940 and 1944 because of World War

IOC appeals to U.S. for peace during Olympics

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — Fearful that Nagano's "festival of peace" could be overshadowed by conflict in the Persian Gulf, Olympic leaders are lobbying the United States to refrain from military action against Iraq during the Winter Games.

"We hope the truce and peace can prevail."

Francois Carrard
IOC Director

The IOC appealed Tuesday for Washington to abide by a U.N. resolution that urges all nations to observe an "Olympic Truce" during the Feb. 7-22 Nagano Games.

"We can only pray" the U.S. government complies with the truce, International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch said.

The United States is seeking support for a possible military strike because of Baghdad's refusal to allow United Nations inspectors full access to potential weapons sites.

"We don't see any reason why (the United States) would not abide by the principles they have adhered to," IOC director general Francois Carrard said. "We hope the truce and peace can prevail."

In Washington, the White House suggested Monday that the Olympics would not be a factor in a decision on military action.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said the United States was pursuing diplomatic options, adding time "is running out."

"Not to my knowledge is any of the decision-making or thinking that the president and his senior policy leaders are undertaking affected by sporting events," he said.

However, the IOC played down McCurry's statement.

"Rest assured the notion of the truce is well-known," said Anita DeFrantz, American vice president of the IOC. "The U.S. government knows it was a part of the Olympic truce."

"the U.S. government has to do what it has to do."

Anita DeFrantz

U.S. V.P. fore the IOC

She added, however, "the U.S. government has to do what it has to do."

The United States was among 178 nations that signed a non-binding U.N. resolution calling on member states to stop hostilities during the Olympics.

Iraq has no delegation at the Olympics.

If an attack on Iraq takes place, it would not spell the end of the Nagano Games, Carrard said.

"It would be sad, but the agenda of the games is the agenda of the games," he said. "What can we do? We are not politicians."

Former Pa. state wrestling champ charged with murder

JEANNETTE, Pa. (AP) — A former state wrestling champion who attends Oklahoma State University has been charged in the death of a boy who died in a car crash.

Brian R. Burrows, 18, of Hempfield Township was charged with involuntary manslaughter and homicide by vehicle, state police said in an affidavit filed Monday.

Burrows was going at least 86 mph with the headlights off Jan. 4 on state Route 130 just before the Porsche he was driving crashed into the side of a car driven by Londe K. Brewer, state Trooper Richard Doran said.

Brewer's 4-year-old son, Scott, was

riding in a child seat when the impact split the car in half and pushed the rear section 200 feet, Doran said. The Porsche skidded 110 feet at about 70 mph before crashing and traveling another 100 feet.

Burrows is a two-time PIAA champion who now attends Oklahoma State University. He was expected to return from college to be arraigned before Jeannette District Justice Mary DiClaudio.

The Porsche was owned by the parents of passenger Robbie Waller III, 18, of Latrobe. A top-ranked Class AAA 160-pound wrestler for Mount Pleasant, Waller suffered facial lacerations and was not expected to return to the mat until mid-February.

Pennsylvania unemployment remains steady for December, 29,000 new jobs

HARRISBURG (AP) — Unemployment in Pennsylvania remained steady at 4.8 percent in December, for the third month in a row, the state Labor Department said.

The state's labor force expanded by 27,000 people between November and December, reaching a record of 6

million Pennsylvanians either working or looking for work, while new jobs increased by 29,000.

The state's jobless rate remains slightly higher than the national rate, which increased by 0.1 percent in December to 4.7 percent, state officials said Monday.

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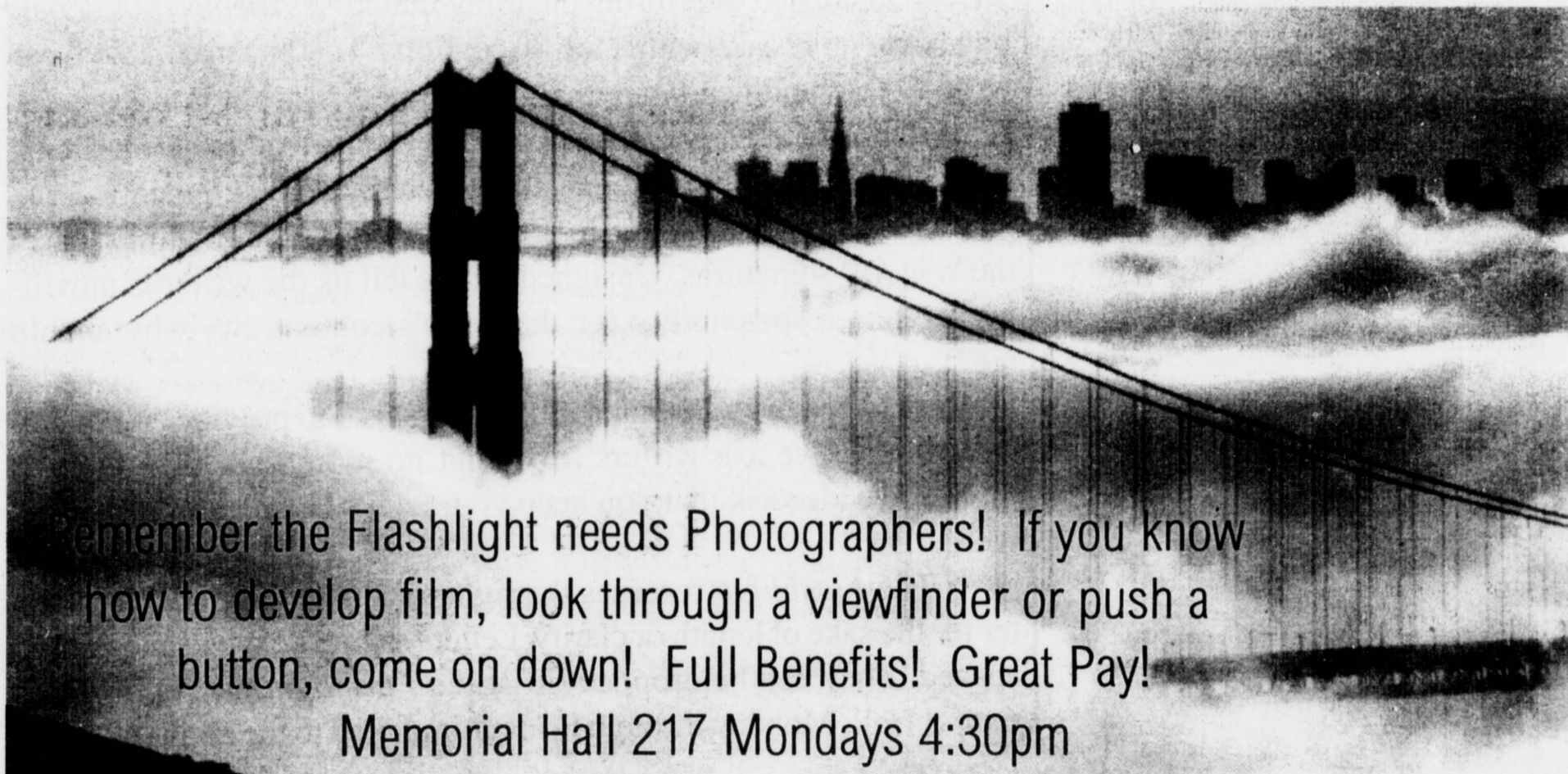
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Flashlight finds a few good men for President

In last week's editorial we, the editorial board of the *Flashlight* endorsed Dr. Teshome Abebe. We also wrote that if Dr. Samuel Rankin proved to be of the same quality and caliber as Dr. Abebe, we would retract last week's editorial and rewrite it.

And so, in keeping with our commitment, we are rewriting this editorial. After meeting with Dr. Rankin, we have decided that either of these men would be more than sufficient to fill the vacancy left by President Rod Kelchner.

Dr. Rankin was a kind man who addressed every issue brought up to him and who treated every person with the same amount of respect. His qualifications as president of Chadron State and his demeanor while answering even the toughest questions impressed us every bit as much as Dr. Abebe.

We would be happy if either of these men are chosen to lead our University into the twenty-first century and anticipate the future of this university.

We feel that these men exemplify the characteristics of this university and their individual personalities would be a pleasure to deal with on a daily basis. Although it will be tough to match the personality and presentability of Kelchner, the two men have a better chance than most other candidates.

The few students present at the Saturday morning meeting with Dr. Rankin all agreed that he was almost as good as, if not as good as, Dr. Abebe. We all discussed the meeting after Dr. Rankin had left and we were all impressed with his candor and wit and his sense of what the students want and need.

And so it is our pleasure to endorse either candidate and hope that the Board of Governors agree with us. Although none of the three selected are necessarily bad choices, Drs. Rankin and Abebe are our favorites. They both possessed qualities different from the other yet their strengths were similar.

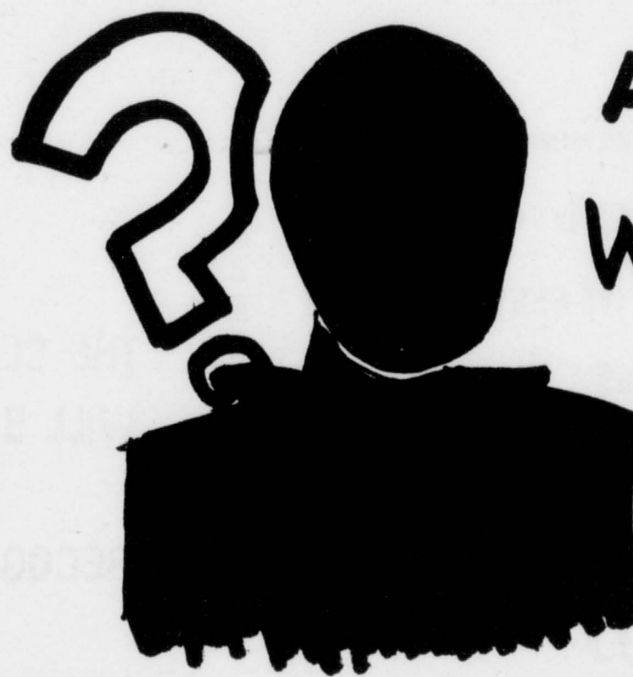
Both men possessed flawless resumes. Both men took time to consider the question asked of them before they answered and both men answered with articulate responses.

We would once again like to thank the presidential search committee for taking our opinions seriously and choosing the candidates we liked the best. If our opinion didn't directly influence their decision, we thank the powers above for providing such a coincidence.

And we would also like to thank once again the students who took time to participate in the process. We often write commentaries and editorials condemning the students for their apathy but it is times like these that we see that there are students who still care.

We look forward to whoever is chosen and anxiously anticipate the announcement next weekend of the Board of Governor's decision.

As we closed last week's editorial, "this entire process showed that students do care about our university and we hope that our time invested in this search does not go to waste."



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Joe We

Radio station DJs invite feedback on WNTE

Dear Editor,

On Tuesday, February 3, 1998, we attended the Flashlight Forum dealing with the Flashlight and its critics. We found it very insightful, and we feel that Darren Meehan handled himself well, and did a terrific job representing the flashlight. However, it seems that there are some hard feelings felt by some staff members at the Flashlight toward the radio station. They felt that the radio station staff and board have a "holier than thou" attitude. As staff and board members of WNTE we wish to say a few things in defense of the radio station.

None of us believes that we are better than anyone else on campus. We work hard and spend hours creating something to be proud of, like the Flashlight does. Yes, we have had problems in the past and made mistakes, but like Darren said, as students we will

all make mistakes because we are learning. A good number of our current board members are new this semester and we are determined to turn the station into something that both the campus and the community can be proud of.

According to Darren, if you are offended by anything in the Flashlight or if you have a complaint, write the paper, go complain in person, or join the staff. The same goes for WNTE. If anything is said on the radio that is considered offensive to anyone, call the station and complain, or write a letter or even come down and visit. We are trying to create a station that people want to listen to. We can't give the people what they want unless they tell us.

Last semester the Flashlight printed a comic of a pig saying "I'm a NTE DJ and you can blow it out my ass." At the station we laughed at it made a joke about it, and got on with our lives. But what kind of an image does

that portray to non-station members? We was told that it was put in the paper after some DJ put down the Flashlight over the air. Why was the strip published instead of complaints being filed with WNTE? All the shows, from 6am to 2am, cannot be monitored all the time, which is why we need the public to let us know if they hear something offensive over the air. And, we want to add, the opinion of one DJ doesn't represent the opinion of the entire station.

Anyone is more than welcome to approach us at the station for any reason, that's why we're here. Our main office number is *4653, if no one is there, we have voice mail. Or, write to us at Box 84, South Hall. We appreciate your feedback!

Thank you,

Joanne V. Murphy, Program Director
Karen Holgate, New Director
Joel Fritzinger, Production Manager

Letters to the Editor Policy

The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is unwilling to take responsibility for the letter's content. So, why should we?

In order to preserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

The *Flashlight* reserves the right to condense or edit your letter for the sake of length or clarity. Letters should be typed and double spaced. They can be dropped off at the *Flashlight* office, 217 Memorial Hall, Monday through Friday, or mailed to the above address.

Commentary

Manser Dining Hall: Capital Nourishment *students actually pay for this stuff: why, why, why?*

by Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

In the off chance that I can implement some change on this campus, I want to address campus dining. I feel bad for the students who still eat that stuff and pay for it and I hope this commentary will get some people thinking about maybe improving the situation.

The whole situation concerning campus dining has been on a steady decline since I got here. When I was eating there, the food was tolerable and it varied. Not any more.

People still bitched and moaned but it wasn't all that bad. Now, when I talk to students who pay wagon loads of money for that food, I find myself wondering if it really did get worse. And so I went to see for myself.

I went up there and had lunch the other day and found conditions had in fact gotten worse. Students, for starters, don't have much of a choice anymore.

What I found that it came down to was peanut butter and jelly on white or wheat.

Boy! I'll bet students are lining up to thank whoever is in command for charging them so much money for this stuff. What are they charging for a meal plan this semester anyway?

Perhaps "meal plan" is inaccurate. Maybe we should refer to it as "meal sentence" or "capital nourishment". When I was up in the cafeteria, I swear I saw some people dragging their feet like Sean Penn in "Dead Man Walking".

And then I thought I saw a nun walking around consoling those dejected souls walking away from the lines, but it was just a piece of "meat" whose legs hadn't been cut off and was still alive.

Anyway, if you're reading this and you can make some kind of change, do it. Talk to students who are up there forcing that stuff down their throat before it bites them back.

I know there are suggestion boxes and all that good stuff, but walk around and talk to students personally. Ask them what they think of the food. Ask juniors and seniors how they feel the entire fiasco has changed and has it changed for the better or changed for the worse.

Better yet, try to eat up there for a week or two and see the variety and selection available over a prolonged period of time.

To their credit, I noticed a new station with a grill and a person cooking the food. But even there, I saw a tremendous traffic problem between the salad eaters and the people waiting for the grilled food.

I remember a time when the lines wrapped around the island but we were all waiting for the tacos made fresh by the lady who always had a smile on her face and pleasant conversation for the students waiting.

I don't want to sound like a sissy, but she was like my mother away from home.

She seemed to care about the kids and wanted to see us happy. Even when there was some smacked-ass waiting there, she treated him or her with respect and compassion.

And she made the best tacos. She knew how much of everything to put in without filling them until they broke all over. Maybe I'm some kind of taco making reject, but I can't make 'em like she could.

I'll tell you what, if I ever win the lottery or make it big and have some money, I'm gonna hire her and pay her a very generous salary to make tacos. So, if you're reading this and you're the lady who wears the hair net over black hair and you have glasses, just bide you time. I'll be back someday.

And, if I win the lottery or make it big, I'm gonna donate big bucks to this school specifically so students don't have to eat food they can't identify. No longer will students have Chicken breasts on Monday, Chicken nuggets on Tuesday, Chicken pot pie on Wednesday and Chicken slush Thursday and Friday and Chicken soup on the weekends.

Until then, maybe the school could donate some mercy and stop the cruel and unusual punishment of serving cruel and unusual food.

Or lower the price of the meal plans. I'm sure you people would be the first to complain if you paid high prices for a meal that looks worse than food served in some minimum security prisons.

What makes you think students want to pay all that money for such a low quality of food? I don't really care personally; I don't have to go back. But I know students who do have to go back.

Believe me, they're not pleasant when they're finished eating.

SGA inside elections

Thomas A. Jones
Layout Editor

The Mansfield University Student Government Association returned to session this semester and discovered they had been abandoned.

Several senators serving last semester did not return. This posed quite a dilemma to the remaining members of SGA.

On one hand, SGA requires a full senate to even attempt to effectively represent the students. On the other, there has been horrendously little interest in SGA by the students. What to do?

One solution would be to hold an interim election. The interim election would only fill those seats in the senate required to establish full occupancy of SGA.

The election should be publicized and students should be told that their school needs them.

Of course, the Mansfield University Student Government Association didn't do this.

To quickly and easily fill the void SGA held informal elections, which were not publicized to the Mansfield University campus.

Quickly, and easily. Quick and easy is how you bake a cake, or clean a toilet bowl, or shop by mail. But quick and easy is not how you run a state University.

No outside students were invited to become senators, instead the word was put out for past senators to return to their posts with a minimum of difficulty.

Although there was one new student, SGA appears to have become a good old boy's club. A club where the elite control what money goes to what special projects.

Less emphasis is put on changing the University to better the students, and instead, senators are rewarded for taking whatever drivel they are spoon fed by Mansfield University's elite.

The idea that belonging to one organization, becoming a senator and voting on funding that organization is a conflict of interest, has become outdated.

Fortunately, SGA has relatively little power over the students. Occasionally however, SGA manages to waste student money on whichever boondoggle is currently in style.

SGA has become a sow, and every organization trying to hold a "Leadership Conference", or a "Community Building Activity" has become one of the many piglets suckling the funds away. SGA won't be dry for long though. Another year is soon approaching, and more funds are on the way.

If the thoughtless and reckless operation of SGA is not soon brought under control, then the students will continue to receive the same kind of representative beuacracy they have had in the past. And it'll serve the sons of bitches right.

The misconception of Greeks versus non-Greeks

by Joe Wagner
news editor

This week is Rush Week for all of the Greek organizations on campus. For many of you out there, there is a commonly believed misconception: Greeks don't like non-Greeks and Non-Greeks don't like Greeks. I am going to attempt to dispel that allusion.

First of all, using the word "Greek" as a broad general term that involves every Greek organization on campus is ignorant. What I mean is that no Greek organization is the same as another one on campus.

Tau Kappa Epsilon is as different from Eta Beta Tau as night is from day. In the same manner, Alpha Sigma Tau sisters are different from say Alpha Sigma Alpha sisters.

There is no right nor wrong in these Greek organizations being different. Each fraternity or sorority have their own niche the same way that each individual in one of those organizations fills their own individual role.

A Greek organization is not a

figure head monster made up of clones. Greek organizations are not out to get independents on campus.

In the same manner, independents are not out to get fraternities and sororities. There should not be such a rift between these two groups as a whole.

Individual Greeks are every bit as independent as non-Greeks. I know this. I am a brother of a Greek Fraternity. It does not take a majority vote for me to go anywhere or do anything.

I can do whatever I want, whenever I want to do it. (There are of course exceptions during pledge periods).

With this segway I will attempt to explain the theory behind pledging. To many independents, pledging and the other things required of a pledge to become Greek are inane and degrading.

The question: "why would you do that to yourself?" comes to mind. Many times the response from Greeks is: "those whiners are just bitching because they don't have what it takes to be a part of us."

Both of these ideologies are a little too far to the "I'm right and their wrong" way of thinking for me.

First, let's address pledging and the dreaded H-word: hazing. A person pledges a fraternity because they want to be a part of the fraternity.

In the immortal words of my pledge class's postulate educator: "This shit weeds out the weak."

In a way, that statement is absolutely correct. In my own experience, if I didn't want to be a brother, I would not have done all of those friggin' push-ups.

It is the truth. If you don't want to put in the time, you aren't going to be able to become a member of a the organization.

But, a person is not forced to pledge. A person makes that choice on their own. Nobody ever, ever forced anybody to pledge a Greek organization.

In the end, it all comes down to stereotypes. Some independents feel that all Greeks are a hive colony of self serving clones who pay semester dues to have friends.

In the same vein, some Greeks believe that independents are spineless nerds who aren't all that groovy.

The stereotypes are wrong.

Comics und Fun

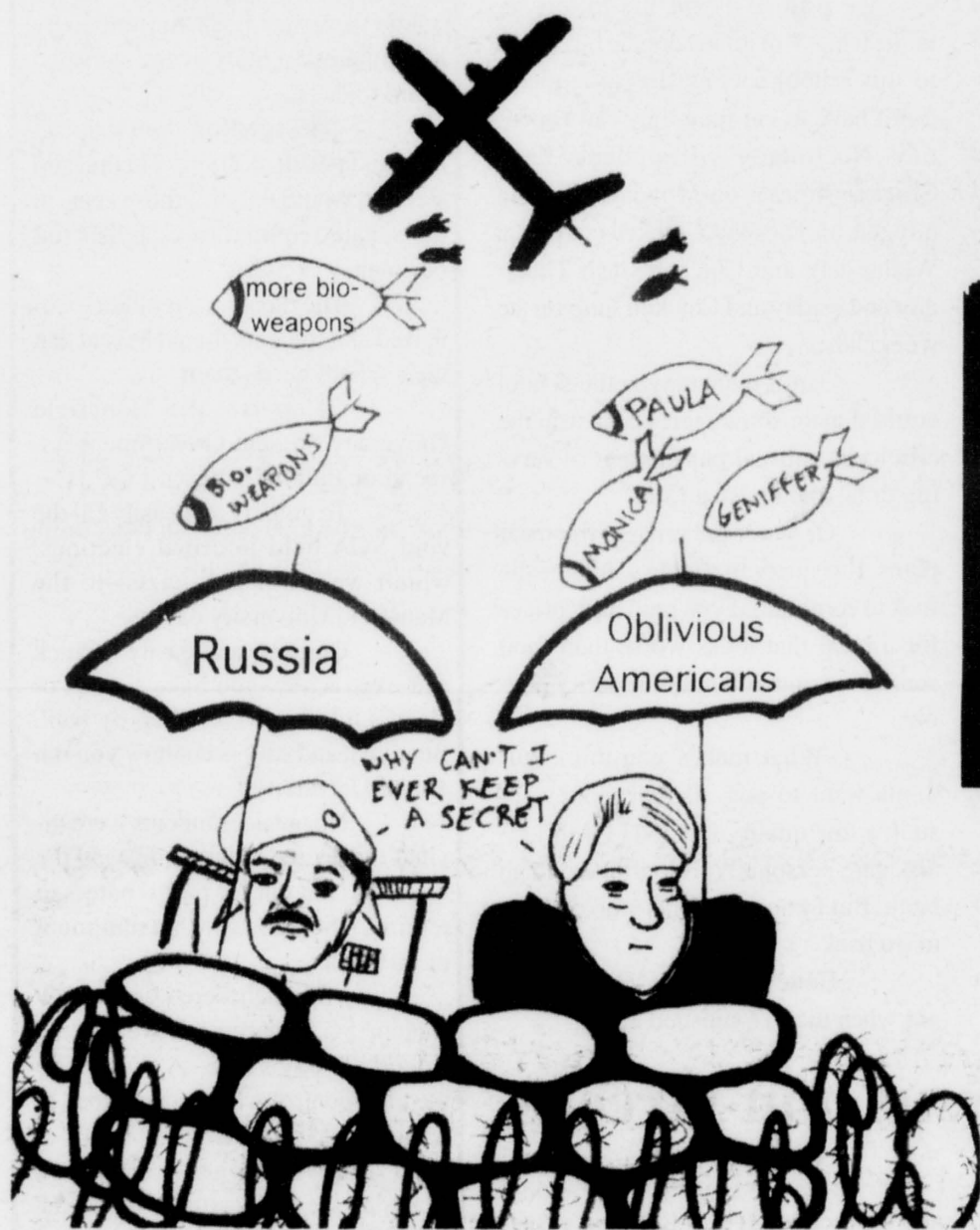
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Flashlight Editor-in-Chief, Darren Meehan wrestles wild crocs in the Australian outback on the weekends.

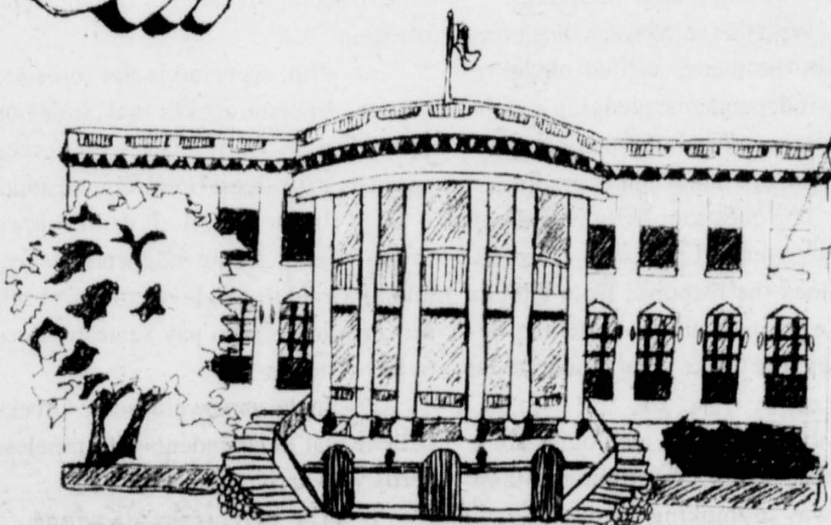
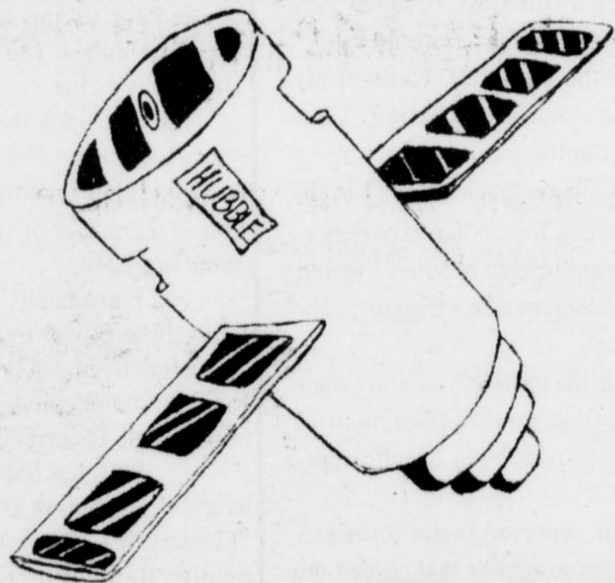
Darren has here his mate Miss Fangy who is one of the most deadly crocs in the world.

"Isn't she a beaut?" he said, as Miss Fangy struggled to get free.



left to right: Gene "Gene" Yager, Darren A. Meehan, Thomas A. Jones, Joe Wagner

The sequel to "Goodfellas", "Betterfellas" has just been cast and the part of the coke-snorting-junkie will be played by Gene "Gene" Yager.



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Timbaland and Magoo gets 3 bombz this week

by Eric Healy
staff G-clef

After a year and a half of lacking some of the illest beats in the industry, Timbaland finally has released his debut album, "Welcome to our World". With Magoo, his partner in crime, the new album has just surpassed platinum status. As expected, "Welcome to our World" contains bass heavy drop beats with an interesting flava that only Timbaland can provide. Magoo supplies a lyrical style which no one in the business could possibly imitate. The amorous Aaliyah and not so passionate Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliot bestow vocal support upon this album. Ginuwine, Static and Playa also bless this album with vocals. "Welcome to our World" will have your dome bouncin' until your headpiece rolls. This album contains 18 tracks, which include several remixes. It's important not to be frightened that "Welcome to our World" has a few remixes because every remix is as tight as a 36-28-36. The "clock strikes" remix contains a catchy sample from the show "Knight Rider". Timbaland has a monotone voice that adds another basic but ill dimension to



After a year and a half, Timbaland releases his debut album, "Welcome to our World," with his partner Magoo.

the rap scene. Magoo sounds like a pre-adolescent brat. Their voices can be

slightly annoying but after you develop a taste for their style, there's no turning

back. The flava they provide comes at you with the force of a 12-gauge shotti. It knocks the taste out of your mouth and forces you to do your thang on the dance floor. One of the blemishes of "Welcome to our World" is that it tends to be repetitive and simple. Unfortunately, a lot of albums in our era lack creative influence. The quality that separates these two gentlemen from the rest of the creatively challenged artists in the industry is the ability for illy beats. Don't buy this album for lyrical content, for it contains none. The lyrical flow at times is comedic, but still tends to have a bland taste. As a matter of opinion, Timbaland, Magoo, Missy and their entire crew have no lyrical backing. The original thumpin' bass beats rescue this album from disaster. I award this album 3 bombz.

Bombz Scale:

- 1 - Don't even consider this garbage.
- 2 - Several major flaws, lack of vision.
- 3 - Solid all around album yet lack luster.
- 4 - Outstanding album but has one or two minor flaws.
- 5 - Excellent album, no flaws.

(Editor's note: Tune in next week for a little bit of Valentine's Day flava on the features pages.)

Off to spend Halloween in Chicago with 2 psycho friends

by Josh Cusatis
creatures editor

Chicago isn't necessarily a great place to be for Halloween. To tell the truth, I would have rather been in New Orleans but considering we decided to be someplace other than here at 6 pm, we had to take what we could get. Besides, none of us had ever been to Chicago.

The ride out was quite uneventful which was nice since our vehicle didn't belong to any of us. If we were going to go we might as well go in style so we rented a mini-van. Now, I know

what you're thinking but I don't care. A mini-van is a really nice way to travel by road with five people. I think everyone that got to sleep in the back of it would agree with me.

Eleven hours and 3 times through "Tommy" later, we found ourselves in the heart of Chicago at 5 am. Don't ever try and drive in downtown Chicago if you can't think in 3-D. It just won't work. One wrong turn and you're underneath where you want to be. It could take you 3 miles

until you find a way to get back.

So, an hour later we found the

hotel and bedded down for the morning.

(Editor's note: Continued next week.)

"Contact" gets rated as an A

by Wayne LaForme
staff loud mouth

This week's film is "Contact," (P.G.) based on the late Carl Sagan's novel of the same name. Brought to life by "Forrest Gump" director Robert Zemeckis. It stars Jodie Foster and her love interest in the film is played by Matthew McConaughey. "Contact" was recently released on video and was my favorite film from 1997. From the title and previews one might get the impression that this is just another alien vs. Earth flick, but it's not.

Jodie Foster's character Ellie Arroway is a radio astronomer with the passion to make contact with something out there. Her passion began as a child with the help of her father. Finally, things start to happen when Ellie discovers a mathematical pulse coming from the star system of Vega.

Her progress and hard work are taken credit for by David Drumlin, a supervisor played by Tom Skerritt. When she discovers the signal actually contains blueprints for some kind of space transport, it is finally her turn to make contact.

An on and off romance between McConaughey and Foster builds throughout the film. Matthew McConaughey's character, a spiritual advisor for the president, questions Ellie about her spiritual beliefs. Things soon crumble for her when Congress chooses Drumlin to go because she is an atheist. When all is lost, Ellie finds her way deep into space.

From the spectacular opening sequence the film draws you in. Then it takes you on an exciting journey through thought, space and humanity. Foster's performance is excellent. The film's theme was best summed up by Ellie's father when he said in reference to extraterrestrial life, "I'd say if it is just us... seems like an awful waste of space." (A)



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Mountaineer men's hoops split week

Miller, Harvey lead way in victory over Kutztown Wednesday night

Jason Feather
Sports Editor

The Mountaineers went to Millersville University last Saturday evening with expectations of coming away with a sweep of the Marauders, and moving into a tie of second place.

Things didn't turn out the way Mansfield would have liked, and they dropped a 71-60 decision to Millersville.

Fouls again plagued the Mountaineers which saw its floor leader, sophomore Tommy Harvey, pick up three fouls quickly in the first half, and then a fourth just two minutes after the intermission. Graduate student Rich Miller fouled out, and Shaud Broyles and Demontric Doodles each played close to half of the second half with four fouls apiece.

The Mountaineers rallied to cut a 15-point deficit to just three with a little more than four minutes left to play in regulation, before Millersville went on an 11-

3 run to end any hopes for the Mountaineers.

Mansfield trailed by just five at the half (37-32), and trailed by that 15-point margin with just over 10 minutes to play before rallying to cut the score to 60-57 with 4:18 remaining.

The Mountaineers were out-rebounded 39-28 in the game.

Tyson Pye led the Mountaineers with his 12 points and six rebounds while Harvey and Broyles chipped in with 10 points each. Senior power forward Bryan Zardezed got seven of his nine points from the foul line.

For Millersville, Jason Seitz had the hot hand early, scoring a game-high 24 points with Jamal Palmer contributing 21 points towards the winning cause.

The win put the Marauders (5-2 conference, 9-9 overall) into second place with East Stroudsburg while the Mountaineers (7-12) fell to 3-4 in the East.

On Wednesday night, the Mountaineers traveled south to face conference foe Kutztown with hopes of getting itself back on the winning track.

Mansfield entered Keystone Gymnasium on a two-game conference losing streak, and needed a win against the Golden Bears to get back into the playoff picture. They got the win they were looking for, 80-75 with some unexpected scoring from Miller.

The Flashlight's Athlete of the Week provided the spark the Mountaineers needed in the first half draining six 3-pointers through the first twenty minutes enroute to his game-high 27 points.

Harvey also had a huge game for the Mountaineers scoring 22 points while handing out seven assists and coming away with four steals.

Broyles and Pye also were key factors in the Mountaineers victory each scoring 12 points.

The Mountaineers shot an astounding 55.6% from beyond the arc knocking down 15 of 27 attempts, and hit 77.5% (17-22) of their shots from

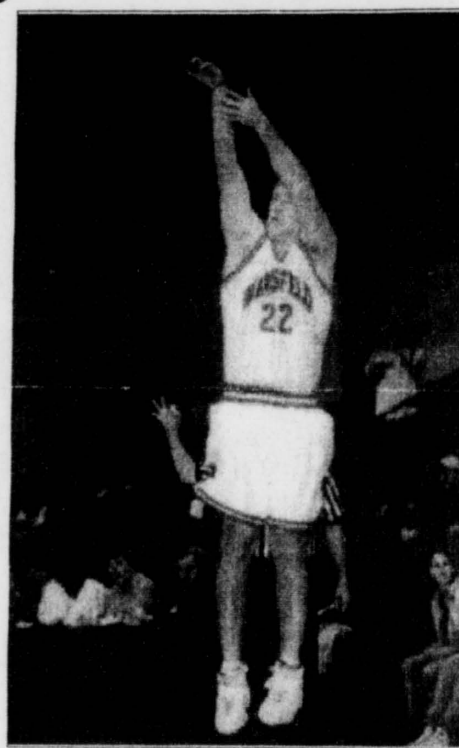


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Rich Miller scored a career-high 27 points including seven 3-pointers in a victory over Kutztown Wednesday night.

the charity stripe.

Kutztown's Nehemiah Brazil and Tim Eisenhower each scored 22 points for the Golden Bears.

The Mountaineers win evened their conference mark at 4-4 and improved their overall record to 8-12 while Kutztown (7-14) remains winless in the East at 0-8.

The Mountaineers host Cheyney on Saturday and Bloomsburg on Wednesday in the final two home games of the season. Both games against are extremely crucial to the defending PSAC champions if they wish to get a shot at upholding their crown.

PSAC Men's Eastern Standings

Team	Conf.	All
Bloomsburg	7-1	13-7
Millersville	5-3	9-10
ESU	4-3	11-9
West Chester	4-4	15-6
MANSFIELD	4-4	8-12
Cheyney	3-4	10-9
Kutztown	0-8	7-14

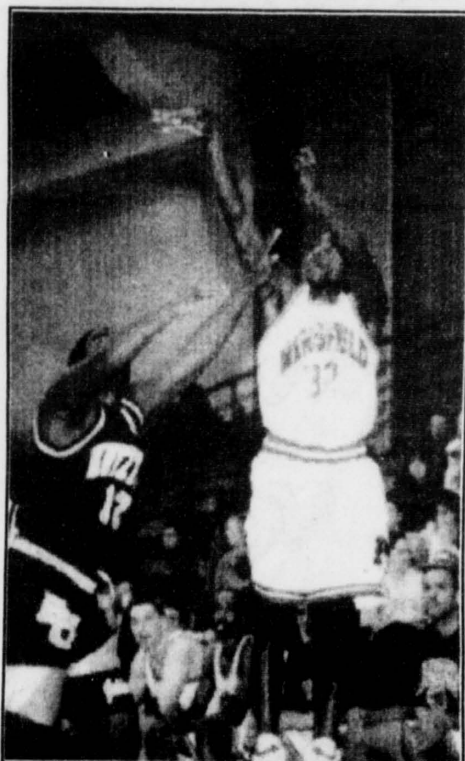


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Tommy Harvey scored 22 points for the Mountaineers in a PSAC East victory over Kutztown on Wednesday.

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"I don't know, but that's just my opinion."

by David B. Pascal
Sports Features Reporter

This week on the scene in the NBA, the firing of Doug Collins is the big headline. Collins' firing comes during his third season as coach of the Detroit Pistons. Collins took over the team with a record of 28 and 54. The next season he turned them around to a 54 and 28 team. In his second season he took them to a playoff victory and increased the win total by three. In the middle of his third season he was fired. An early season trade with the Sixers for Jerry Stackhouse did not pay any dividends for Collins or the Pistons. When Stackhouse came over from the Sixers, Detroit was three games under .500, as the are going into the All-Star break.

Many of the players from the Detroit Pistons praised Collins and his

efforts, but his emotional style of coaching gives him the love/hate kind of motif. Either you enjoy his coaching or you hate his coaching. Without the endorsement of the Pistons best player, Grant Hill, Detroit management thought that Collins should just be nominated as the fall guy.

This was Collins' second coaching job after a three years stint in the eighties as head coach of the Chicago Bulls.

I feel Collins was unjustly fired. Every team goes through their rough areas and the firing of the head coach is what all the teams management think is the problem. Sometimes, or even more than not, it's the players. Especially today in this day and age of professional sports. Here's an idea, how about actually giving a coach a legitimate chance. Everything works in cycles, teams go up and go down all the time. Prime example, do you think that

Dean Smith had the North Carolina Tarheels in the top ten for thirty some years. Not going to happen. But look what he did accomplish. How many NCAA tournament appearances, how many ACC championships, how many national championships.

Hey management, wise up! Gets some guts and take a chance on a coach for more years than it takes to get his license plate changed on his car. I don't know, but that's just my opinion.

This Sunday marks the opening of the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan.

Every event in the Olympics is interesting and exciting. Especially that Curling stuff, hey that gets the crowd moving. But my eyes as a sports fan will be on the ice. For the first time in decades, the United States has a chance to take the gold, silver, and bronze in women's figure skating. I watched the national championships and they were very exciting. The only

thing left is to see what order Tara Lupinski, Michelle Kwan, and Nicole Bobek finish.

The United States hockey team will be another reason why I will be checking out the rink. With the stars of the NHL scattered across the whole world playing for their respective countries, the USA should have their hands full. I don't know about you, but I find it interesting to see which players are from which countries and what NHL teams they play for.

All in all, no matter what sport you like to watch in the Olympics, it is something that you should be proud of as a sports fan, as an American, as a human being. There is nothing like seeing the whole world come together for such a spectacular event.

I don't know, but that's just my opinion.

Women's Basketball falls to 1-20

by Jason Feather
Sports Editor

Last Saturday the Mounties faced a tough Millersville team that was looking to take a share of second place in the Eastern Division of the conference. The Mountaineers fell 75-54.

The Marauders came out firing in the first half, and built itself a 16-point lead going into the break. Millersville shot 46.7% from the floor through the first twenty minutes against the Mountaineers.

Mansfield's Colleen Doherty and Jill Masker each scored a game high 15 points for the Mountaineers who shot just 36.7% from the floor for the game. Tracy Moser contributed four points, but grabbed a team high eight rebounds with Lauren Martin adding seven points to the Mansfield effort.

Millersville was led by Jaime Martzall's ten points and eleven rebounds while Sara Burcin chipped in with 12 points.

Burcin was second in the na-

tion in 3-point field goal percentage hitting on 50% of her opportunities, but only managed to knock down two of her six attempts against the Mountaineers.

On Wednesday night, the Mountaineers road trip continued with a stop to the campus of Kutztown University.

The Golden Bears' Amy Wahl scored a game high 23 points to lead Kutztown to a 78-41 win over the Mountaineers. Wahl, a junior swing guard, also reached the 1,000 point plateau for her career during the second half of the game. Played was halted to recognize her accomplishment.

Moser led the Mountaineers with 14 points to go along with her nine rebounds.

The Kutztown victory gave them sole possession of second place in the PSAC East while the Mounties fell to 0-8 in the East and 1-20 on the season.

Mansfield returns home to face Cheyney on Saturday, and Bloomsburg on Wednesday for their last two home games of the season before hitting the road one last time for three final games.

Mountie swim team drops two in tri-meet

Jason Feather
Sports Editor

The Mansfield Mountaineers competed in a tri-meet against Edinboro and Slippery Rock last Saturday, but couldn't come away with a victory. The Mountaineers fell 87-23 to Slippery Rock and 93-19 to Edinboro.

Freshman Candace Cipolla continued her impressive debut season by winning the 100 backstroke in 1:04.05.

The Mountaineer 200 free relay team of Melissa Drumheller, Jen Rossman, Katie Danielson and Tricha Allen took second with a time of 2:09.30.

Mansfield will host East Stroudsburg tomorrow afternoon as part of the Athletic Winter Weekend.

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Greeks "rush" to recruit newest members

look to improve image and gain ground in campus community

by Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

For Mansfield University's fraternities and sororities, shedding the negative perceptions and myths about Greek life has been an uphill battle. This semester, as enrollment continues dropping, Greeks are finding ways to increase membership while cleaning up their less-than perfect image.

Brothers and sisters hang signs and use word of mouth to attract prospective members and the university lends support by offering programs aimed at educating current members as well as every student.

John Mayes, president of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE), tried to increase interest in the Greek social life by increasing awareness.

"We've done more advertising



photo by Melissa Wascalus

The sisters of Alpha Sigma Alpha gathered together in support of rush week and Greek life at Manser Dining Hall. This past week was Rush week at Mansfield, when non-Greeks could attend rush activities and take the first step toward becoming a member of a Greek organization.

visor to MU's fraternities and sororities said. "We have an initiation workshop where we talk about what is and isn't (considered) hazing."

And for students contemplating the Greek life during the rush week, tak-

guess it's because they're shocked to be in front of a whole group of people, but how can you tell them you don't need to be nervous," he said. They're thrown into a group of friends with similar interests and they're trying to find their niche and they'll be nervous until they do find it."

Shannon Simons, senior and former member of Phi Kappa Theta, a fraternity that lost its recognition more than a year ago, tries to disprove the stereotypes about Greeks.

"Contrary to popular belief, Greeks are not just about partying," he said. "All Greeks organizations encourage academia as well as the cooperation with other non-Greek organizations."

Simons said he thinks more students are breaking through the rumors, and the numbers verify it. According to Simons, 15 rushes attended a Tuesday evening meeting. Simons is a former member of Phi Kappa Theta (PKT) and an advisor to members of Phi Kappa Delta (PKD). PKD is an offshoot of PKT, a formerly recognized fraternity who is trying to rebuild their image.

"Our inevitable goal is to regain national recognition with PKT," he said, "that's our long term goal. For now, we'll be satisfied doing plenty of community service and fund raising for our organization."

For many Greek organizations, community service builds a positive image, but why does it seem that fraternities and sororities habitually have a negative image?

Bianco said that Greeks face a tougher battle than most clubs and organizations because their members get tied in with other Greeks who get national headlines after tragedy and criminal misconduct.

"People hear of these things happening on other campuses," he said.

"That kind of information gets out in the news and it goes from one sorority or fraternity to all Greeks. So when John Q. Public sees a Greek letter it transfers to all Greek organizations."

"The point that is sorely missed is that a Greek member does something and all the Greeks are suddenly are responsible for it," he said. "Those things are perceptions that are misperceptions."

"We try to debunk that misperception by being open about what we're doing," he said.

At Mansfield University, Greek organizations perform various functions both on campus and in the surrounding community. Many administrators count on Greeks when they need help during various projects. In the coming weeks, MU students and faculty will participate



photo by Melissa Wascalus

Maria DeBello and Michelle Russell are sisters of the Zeta Tau Alpha fraternity. Even though ZTA is a Greek organization composed entirely of women, they are technically named a fraternity.

and talked to some more people," he said.

Mayes added that students on campus seem to be looking at fraternities and sororities as something different.

"They're starting to look at a Greek community as something else," he said. "They're starting to see the good things we do."

While Greeks try to evade the negativity of the press, MU administrators help local Greeks avoid compromising situations.

"We have a number of educational programs," Carmen Bianco, ad-

ing the chance depends on what legends they have heard.

Javier Leon, a Sigma Tau Gamma (STG) brother who rushed and pledged last semester, recalls how he felt when he decided to rush.

"You wonder if you're doing the right thing or not," he said. "You hear a lot of stories before you rush and you wonder if they're true or not. But then you find out they're all bulls—."

Along with the myths about pledging, Mayes thinks rushes might be intimidated.

"They're kind of nervous but they've never really said anything. I



photo by Melissa Wascalus

Javier Leon is a native of Spain and a brother of Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity. Leon realized what Greeks are about.

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Saturday, 2-7-98: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Music Therapy with Andy in Steadman Theatre
1:00 p.m. Women's basketball at home versus Cheyney
3:00 p.m. Men's basketball at home versus Cheyney

Sunday, 2-8-98: 3:00 p.m. Orchestra and wind ensemble pops concert in Steadman theatre

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HALSTEAD WINS PRESIDENCY

Harvard graduate appointed by Board of Governors; announcement today

by Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

After weeks of visits and speculation, the presidential selection process that swept through Mansfield University ends today as a new president is expected to be announced at a 9:00 am ceremony in North Dining Hall.

Dr. John Halstead, one of the three finalists selected by the search committee, is expected to be officially appointed as President Rod Kelchner's successor before a general reception for all members of the MU community.

Michele Hosey, SGA vice

president and the only student member of the MU search committee, which was responsible for narrowing a list of five candidates to three, looks forward to the school's future with Dr. Halstead.

"Dr. Halstead is very well qualified," she said Thursday night. "He's very student oriented and will be a great successor to President Kelchner."

Hosey added that she preferred Dr. Teshome Abebe but felt the university was in a win-win situation.

"Any one they chose out of the three would make a great president," she said.

Unconfirmed reports of Abebe's voluntary removal from the race

within the past week have many students wondering why he dropped out.

Steve Winnie, SGA president, doesn't think MU was Abebe's only alternative.

"It definitely raises my interests but it wouldn't surprise me if he found a job somewhere else," he said.

Like many of the students, Winnie is disappointed with the decision but is optimistic about Halstead.

"I think he'll be a good president and he'll fit the university well, but he wouldn't have been my first choice," he said. "The students who met all of

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photo by Thoms A. Jones

Dr. John R. Halstead visited Mansfield University two weeks ago. On Wednesday, the Board of Governors chose him from the three remaining candidates to replace retiring President Rod Kelchner.

Voice of the Mounties looks back on career

by Josh Cusatis
features editor

For the past 17 years Chris Vaughn has been known as the "Voice of the Mounties" announcing Mansfield University's football and basketball games.

Since 1981, Vaughn has seen some of the best games the football and basketball teams have played.

"A couple of years ago, the football team played Edinboro and we were considered the underdogs," Vaughn said. "The guy doing the play-by-plays for Edinboro was concerned with the fact that their team was very cocky because they were favored to win. It gave me a great satisfaction when we beat them."

Vaughn said he has equivalent memories about the basketball games he's announced over the years.

"In 1984, we were one of the few teams to beat Millersville before they went to the playoffs," Vaughn said. "A while ago, we played Clarion and it was great to see the gym totally filled with people again. They had the end bleachers pulled out and the people were so enthusiastic. It was nice to see that we were getting fans back."

Vaughn added that in his time

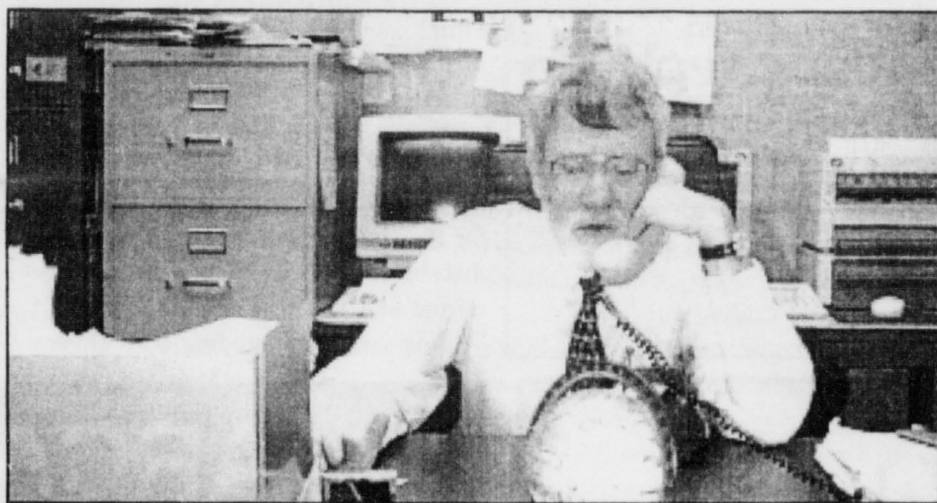


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Aside from his day job as Director of Admission and Financial Planning, Chris Vaughn, the "Voice of the Mounties" announces for various teams on the MU campus.

there have also been some embarrassing moments for him.

"Several years ago, the basketball team was playing a non-conference game against one of the Pitt schools," Vaughn said. "The bookkeeper checked off the wrong names of who was starting for their team and I didn't know they were wrong. So, I'm calling off these names as the team is coming out and people that have never started are yell-

ing for joy thinking the coach put them in. I got through almost the whole lineup before I was told there was a mistake."

Vaughn also said that there have been a couple problems that are recurring and just have to be dealt with.

"Sometimes the scoreboards for the basketball games fail and just can't be used," Vaughn said. "With the advent of things such as shot clocks, where a shot has to be made within a

specific time of the last shot, it can be quite difficult for people to keep track of the time without the scoreboard. So, I have to sit there with a stopwatch and do a countdown for the last ten seconds so they can stick to the rules."

Vaughn said that there are also problems with announcing football that have to be dealt with.

"It can be a challenge when it's muddy and the players jersey's get covered with mud," Vaughn said. "It gets really hard to know who's who. I once announced that someone had made the last two touchdowns for us when actually that person wasn't even playing at the time."

Vaughn said that there are many reasons that he continues to announce for these sports games.

"I do it because it's a labor of love," Vaughn said. "I really do enjoy it and I feel like I'm giving something back to the school. I've also got the best seat in the house for the games."

Vaughn added that he can't take all of the credit for announcing all these years.

"I have to give my wife part of the credit," Vaughn said. "I'm probably the only person on campus who isn't af-

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Campus joins Red Cross for bi-annual blood drive

by Joe Wagner
managing editor

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on February, 18, at North Dining Hall in Manser that will run from 11:45 a.m. until 5:45 in the afternoon.

The Tioga County Chapter of the Red Cross puts on a blood drive at Mansfield University every semester. Last year, the Bloodmobile gathered 124 productive units but did not meet its goal of 180 units.

"The most important thing about a blood drive is that people know about it," said Tom Johnston, the director of the student union.

This semester, there is a number of student organizations

involved with putting on the blood drive.

The Student Government Association has donated over \$100 to the bloodmobile. The All Residence Hall Council (AHRC) is also donating money to the Blood drive. This money helps to finance expenditures; including free lunches for the volunteer nurses that operate the bloodmobile.

The Panhellenic council and Inter Fraternal Council are donating their time to the blood drive as well.

"The Panhel Council and IFC did a lot for the drive last year. They are planning on it again this year," Johnston said. "The girls help run the volunteer nurses and help run registration. The fellows from IFC did a wonderful job taking stuff down last year. They did a lot of heavy lift-

ing that speeded up the tear down."

Mansfield's newest fraternity, Alpha Omega Delta, provided the manpower to post signs downtown. There are also Bloodmobile posters and door-knob signs hung around campus.

"The guys who posted signs did a great job. There are posters all up and down Main Street from one end to the other," Johnston said.

Members of campus sororities will take turns running hour and a quarter shifts at the bloodmobile. Each sorority sends two or three volunteers for each shift.

"The interaction of the girls from different sororities sharing the shifts really helps out with the continuity of service," Johnston said.

Aramark, the dining

vendors that provide service at Manser, are also donating cookies to the cantine. The cantine provides snacks for those who have donated blood.

"The donations of food really help take a financial burden off the bloodmobile," Johnston said.

There will be a register point at the door for people coming into North Dining Hall. At the door, blood donors, will receive a sticker that is good for a fountain drink at The Mountie Den.

There will also be prize tickets given out at the door. There will be a three ticket drawing at the close of the bloodmobile. The three bearers of these tickets will each get a \$50 gift certificate good at Wal-Mart. People meeting the requirements are encouraged to give blood.

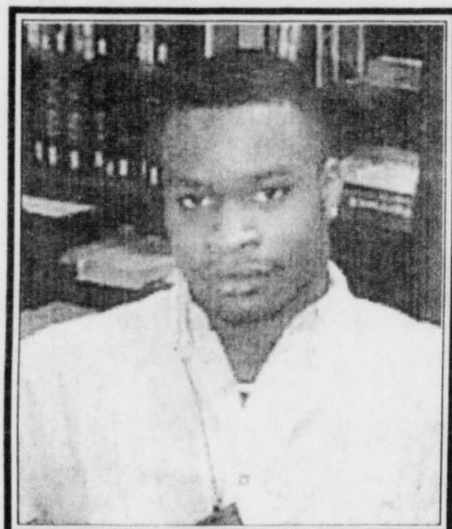
"The most important thing about a blood drive is that people know about it"

Tom Johnston, Director of the Student Union

Campus Voices

"What should Dr. Halstead's first priority be after he is inaugurated as president of Mansfield University?"

by Melissa Wascalus



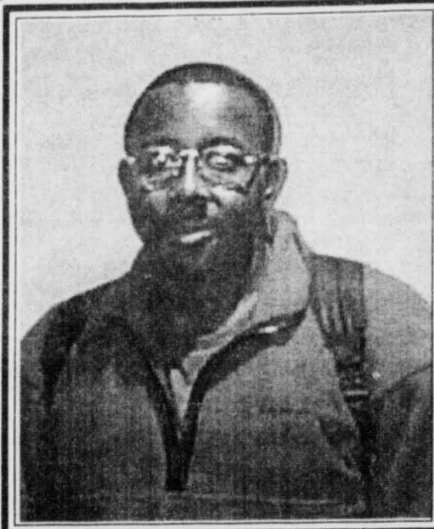
Godfrey Wilson Jr.
Sophomore

"I think that he should hire a new dining staff in Manser."



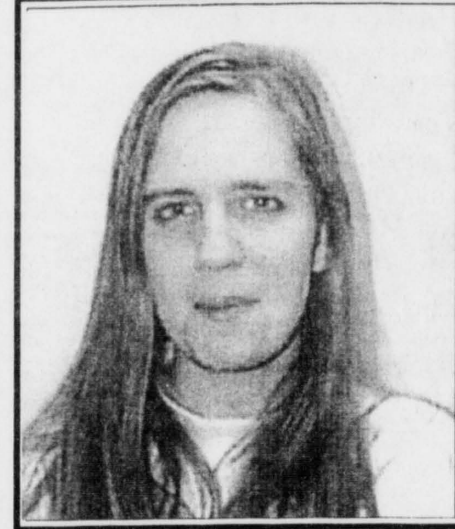
Chrissy Higgins
Junior

"Get to know the students."



Darrell L. Plant
Sophomore

"Improve the food service."



Lily-An Korbeil
Freshman

"I think he should look at the finances and stop spending money on things that don't need it."

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filiated directly with the sports department who plans my schedule around the games. It's really great that she allows me to do that every year."

In 1981, Vaughn came to MU as the assistant director of financial aid and quickly became the announcer for

the sports department.

"At the time, they had students announcing the games and sometimes the students wouldn't show up," Vaughn said. "There was no continuity to the announcing and they really needed someone to do it all the time, so I was told."

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the presidential candidates would be glad he's president but not as glad as they would have been if it was Abebe."

Hosey thinks student reaction will be mixed between those who like him and those who don't.

"Some will be disappointed but I think they will also respect the choice of the Board of Governors," she said. "There's no way to please everyone on campus. The committee did the best job we could."

"I think Michele did a great job for the students but it should be noted that she was the only student on the committee and she was our only voice," Winnie said, commending both Hosey

and the search committee.

Tracy Strupp, an MU student, didn't get a chance to meet each of the candidates.

"From what the students who saw all five candidates said, Abebe was the best, but I read Halstead's resume and I think he'll do an adequate job," she said.

According to Winnie, Halstead's first priority should be acclamating himself to the MU environment.

"He should orient himself with the university because he's not from the area," he said. "He needs to learn what MU is about so we don't lose any ground when he steps in."

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Student government seeks to fill vacancy

by Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

Student Government leaders and senators discussed plans for Maplefest and concentrated on fielding concerns from students during Monday night's meeting in Memorial Hall.

SGA senators recommended scheduling one day a month at the desk in Lower Manser to address students concerns. Although the meetings are open to the public, many senators agreed that perhaps students felt somewhat intimidated and avoided the SGA sessions, despite the fact that a portion of each meeting is set aside for public comment.

Senators also discussed plans for the forthcoming Maplefest and a possible carnival-type celebration, both of which are scheduled for the weekend of April 18.

Bill Weimer, All Residence Hall Council president, presented senators with a list of activities and games that any student organization at MU can

sponsor. He said this fair was an attempt to increase student participation and that student groups were not confined to what was suggested on the list.

"Either sponsor an event or make your own booth," he said. "We want to get the campus involved with each other."

Among the activities and games available are a casino, which would exchange real currency for "funny money" that could be turned in for other prizes, Bingo, pie toss and a dunk tank which could feature faculty and administration perched above a pool.

Weimer said the goal of the event will be to raise money but a portion of the profits would be donated to a local charity.

Senators also received a report from Academic Affairs concerning enrollment. The projected goal for enrollment for 1998 with a new tuition policy is 2800 undergraduate students and 235 graduate students.

The SGA committee for the Endless Mountain Transportation Au-

thority committed themselves to formulating a 50 question questionnaire. They expect the survey will be out by the end of the month and examine many issues relative to the EMTA service.

Senators were also notified of a vacancy within the Committee on Finance. Students interested in filling the vacancy should contact the Vice President of Student Affairs office for details and an application.

Although no specific day or date could be set, senators have already started looking for openings in the schedule for the desk in Lower Manser. The plan was set into action partially by a commentary printed in the Flashlight that contained criticism of the policies of student government and was written by a former senator and editor of the newspaper.

A current vacancy in SGA may be filled by any student who meets the criteria. SGA meetings are held every Monday night in 204 Memorial Hall at 9:00 pm. All students are invited to attend and voice any concerns.

Carnival added to Maplefest

by Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

Maplefest, the annual Spring concert for all students and faculty of Mansfield University has been scheduled for April 18.

Although plans are still being made, Bill Weimer, president of the All Residence Hall Council, said an added carnival-type affair will coincide with the usual festivities, including the annual "Battle of the Bands."

Wiemer invites all organizations to participate however they choose and hopes the attendance is higher than it has been in the past few years.

"I could say we could hope for 1,000, but that's a major wish," he said.

All student organizations, including Giant 89.5 and the Greeks are invited to participate. Suggestions Weimer includes on a sheet containing prices include bouncing boxing, sumo wrestling and a two-hour game show.

Another proposed fund raiser is "jail". For 50 cents, participants can have someone "arrested". The incarcerated person must then pay one dollar to be released. All the money raised will fund both the campus and the community. Weimer said that plans had not been finalized but some of the money would fund the participating organizations and the rest would be donated to charity.

Weimer said that word of mouth has already begun spreading throughout the campus.

"Everyone that's starting to get involved is announcing it in class," he said.

One of the organizations Weimer hopes will get involved is the campus radio station, Giant 89.5. He hopes the station will consider broadcasting the event over the air.

"One of the things the radio station might be able to do is broadcast live from Maplefest," he said.

Weimer also hopes the police will cooperate by sectioning off parts of the street surrounding the festivities.

Dealing with death topic of ebony discussion hour



photo by Thomas A. Jones

Pictured above are students involved in the ebony discussion hour.

by Joe Wagner
managing editor

The Ebony Discussion Hour breached an issue close to students on this campus during their meeting last Tuesday. Annie Cooper, the Director of Multicultural Affairs, invited Rev. Debra Casey to speak to the group about dealing with grieving.

Ms. Denise Carter-Onyirimba, Mansfield's Minority Mentor, passed away last January, 15. Ms. Carter-Onyirimba was very involved with her

dedication to minority issues at Mansfield. She had many close ties with Mansfield's minority students.

"The real process of grieving deals with community and where you can share your feelings of sadness," Casey said.

Casey began the discussion by asking the students present if they have ever had to deal with grief because of someone dying. Casey offered her own anecdote about facing the death of a high school classmate.

"I remember all of us clinging together and crying about our friend dy-

ing. But, then after a week we started ignoring the fact of his death," Casey said.

Casey said that one of the ways people deal with grief is that they deny the fact of a close friend's death after the initial shock wears off. People suffering from grief also cushion themselves by using euphemisms to describe a person's death. People say "passed on," "passed away" or "passed over" rather than saying that a person has died.

Casey continued by explaining the five stages of grieving: shock, denial, bargaining, anger and acceptance.

Casey then read a passage from a book entitled *Mighty Stories*. The book contained stories and suggestions on dealing with grief.

"Storytelling is the way to deal with grieving. Both so the person who is dying can add closure to their life and so that people who remain living can remember the person who dies," Casey read aloud.

Casey also explained that grief and sorrow do not play fairly.

"Grieving does not involve a level playing field," Casey said.

Black History Month profile of the week

Director of multicultural affairs aids in diversifying campus

by Joe West
layout editor

With Mansfield University becoming more globally orientated every year, the person who best exemplifies those efforts is Annie Copper, the director of Mansfield University's multicultural affairs department.

Cooper has been with the university for seven years, and helps every Mansfield student to become a little more ethnically diverse.

"I'm primarily responsible for international students," Cooper said. "I also work with minority students, mostly in the area of social development."

Cooper's education and employment background includes the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge College of Massachusetts, where

she received her Masters of Education, and the University of Wyoming, which is where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in fine arts.

Because of the shortage of buildings on campus, Cooper said she is ready for the new student union building to be completed.

"I am looking forward to the new student union, because we are very limited in terms of functional room space," Director Cooper said.

Currently, Cooper stated, the only true gathering space is North Dining Hall, which, she said, is inaccessible to some people.

"It is not very handicapped accessible," she said.

Cooper said that Mansfield is competitive to other campus' in terms of student body growth.

"We are not too far behind, we

are doing well in our development," Cooper said.

As for MU's new president, Cooper said, "I'm looking forward to some positive changes," but she is uncertain of what kind of man the new president will be like.

"We don't know what might be coming," Cooper said.

She said she would like to see some additional dedication toward a couple of issues dealing with the university.

"I hope there is really going to be a solid commitment to internationalizing the campus and not just targeting international students coming in, though that is important," Cooper said.

University work is not Cooper's only work in Mansfield. Her daughter, Princess, is a student at both Mansfield High School and MU. Prin-



photo by Joseph P. West

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cess said she enjoys being the daughter of such an accomplished mother.

Special Report

Operation: Desert Thunder

Mediation unsuccessful in Gulf crisis

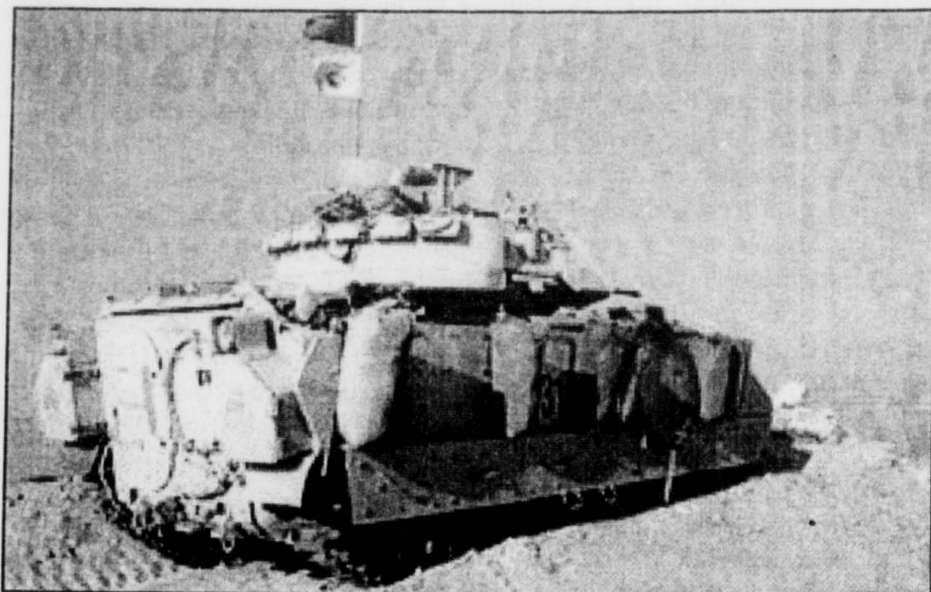
WASHINGTON (AP) — Israeli and Palestinian negotiators were meeting with American mediator Dennis Ross today as part of a persistent but unsuccessful Clinton administration effort to break a stalemate in peacemaking.

Since President Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright failed recently to overcome the suspicions of the two sides, it was unlikely Ross would succeed. But bringing the two sides together was a small sign of progress.

There was little expectation the talks would produce the Israeli pullback on the West Bank that the Clinton administration seeks. Israel's concerns about what its diplomats call the "revolving door" release of terrorists by the Palestinian Authority are an obstacle to territorial concessions.

Also, Danny Navet, head of the Israeli delegation, complained Monday about Palestinian demonstrations for Iraq and against Israel and the United States. He said the Fatah faction of Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority approved the demonstrations.

"You can see the American flag together with Israel's flag burned by the Palestinians," he said. "We need to see some more serious effort by the Pales-



A fully armed UN tank, preparing for the possibility of military action in the Gulf

tinian leadership" against terrorism.

The Palestinian delegation, headed by Saeb Erekat, and Ross made no statements and avoided reporters.

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US risking international respect in pursuing military campaign

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Though the Clinton administration contends that these resolutions are sufficient, Britain, supporting Clinton at every step, is pushing for a further U.N.



Map of Gulf area showing UN and Iraq military presence

resolution declaring Iraq to be in breach of its disarmament obligations.

Congress, which has generally supported the Clinton administration on Iraq, is putting together a nonbinding resolution that would give Clinton a green light to use military force in the event diplomatic efforts failed.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, whose government is nearly alone in publicly backing Clinton's approach, describes the stakes in stark and chilling terms.

"This is a man," Blair said of Saddam, "who has already compiled sufficient chemical and biological weapons to wipe out the world's population."

"When he invaded Kuwait, people could see easily a wrong being committed," Blair said Saturday in a joint radio address with Clinton. "But what he is doing now ... is potentially far more dan-

gerous."

In his radio remarks, Clinton called Saddam "this menace to global security."

If Iraq is such a threat, why won't Saudi Arabia — the most important U.S. ally in the Gulf — allow U.S. warplanes launch strikes from Saudi bases?

If the stakes are really so high, why is Clinton's voice so lonely in the world community?

Of Iraq's neighbors, only tiny Kuwait and Bahrain are openly supporting the U.S. threat to use force. Britain has committed the aircraft carrier HMS Invincible and a fleet of warplanes, and Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien said Monday that Canada would contribute support, but not combat, forces if diplomatic efforts failed and Clinton chose to attack. Zalmay Khalilzad is a senior Pentagon official during the Gulf War.

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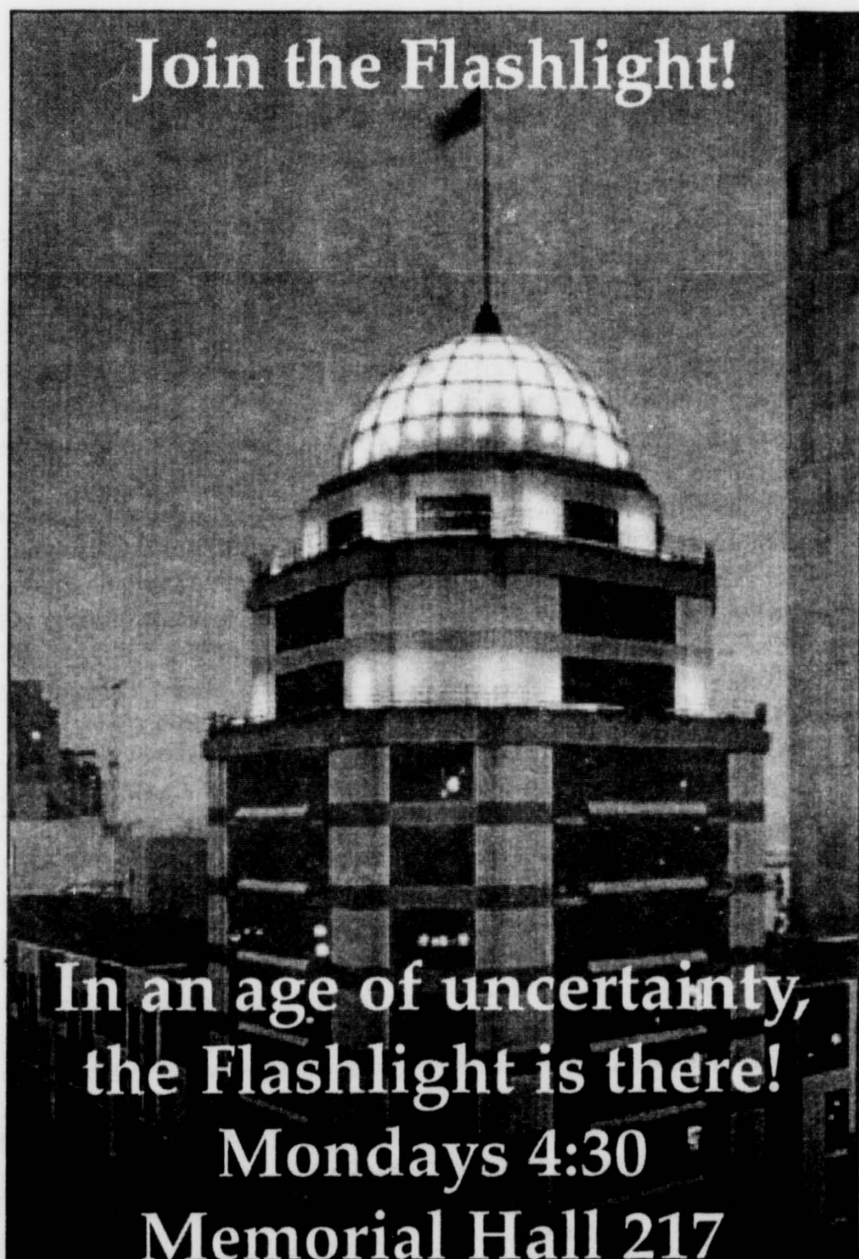
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All we are saying is give Dr. Halstead a chance...

The Board of Governors has appointed Dr. John R. Halstead to the post of president of Mansfield University. To those paying any attention to this presidential race, Halstead wasn't much of a surprise. He is the prototypical politician.

We, the editorial board, feel the students would have been better served by Dr. Teshome Abebe or Dr. Samuel Rankin. These two candidates, the other two finalists, represented a real opportunity to both the students and the university. Both were not only qualified but they also had a real feeling for the students, who the students are and why they are attending this state school.

The two candidates not chosen were also more than just qualified for the position. Abebe and Rankin were also a manifestation of what students wanted: a president that can identify and utilize the empathy of the university. Many students feel Dr. Halstead will be a distant, used-car salesman kind of leader that is using MU as just another stepping stone to bigger and better things. We hope he recognizes the opportunities available here and that the relationship between the university community and the president is a comfortable one.

The president should be able to reason out the problems and suggest solutions. The only way he could possibly do this is by keeping a close eye on what the campus community thinks and feels. The president needs to have an ear to the track and the ability to measure the pulse of the entire university community; he should not isolate himself in the ivory tower of North Hall.

A president of a state school has to have his nose down in the trenches. He has to be willing to walk the walk through Manser and see what the students have to endure. A president has to be worried about what the students are worried about before it impacts their ability to learn.

That is, after all, the purpose of a university and the primary motivating factor of students attending Mansfield University: to earn an education. The job of a president is to make sure that process is not more difficult than it needs to be.

This entire experience of being in an educational environment will make every student stronger. We will learn to change our ways with a new leader and we will get a different perspective. But if we are wrong about Dr. Halstead it may just give us a hole in our collective stomach.

Whatever your opinion of him may be, at least give him the respect he deserves and a chance to prove to all of us—students, faculty, staff and administration—that he was a wise choice for the Board of Governors to make. We all had different opinions of who the best president would be. We all had reasons for liking this guy or disliking that guy, but we have no reason for giving Dr. Halstead a fair shake.

If he is an asset to this university, we'll be able to tell. If he's a liability, we'll be able to tell that, too. But let us at least give him the benefit of keeping an open mind and making a decision based on our individual education and experiences with him.

After all, isn't that why we're here in college in the first place?



Senior comments on career at Mansfield

Dear Editor,

Over the past four years, I have seen a lot of changes occur here at our university. Some were beneficial to this campus, and some could have been avoided. Overall, my years at Mansfield were very satisfying. If I had to do it over however, there would be a few areas that I would fix.

By now, the attacks on our dining services have become a common thing. I feel that this should be a sign to someone. True, changes have been made, but if you are not an early eater, you will miss out on these areas. Our dining hall has posted areas,

they should stick to them. On Monday at 6:20, I went to the Den. There were no pizzas and no meals (for those of you who dislike pizza). I was told that there would be no more for the rest of the night! Closing time: 8:00 pm. Sorry to those of you who have night class and want to eat that night. Also, if Manser closes its doors at 6, for instance, this should not mean that you are allowed in the door, only to find nothing but bagels.

Secondly, our Mountie Express. On only two occasions, friends and I tried to catch the Mountie. We were sitting by the appropriate time and it FLEW right by us. I'm glad I didn't pay

for any pass for the semester!

Finally, and perhaps my biggest gripe, deals with last week's basketball shoot-out at halftime of the girls game. Sure, it was fun, sure I cheered on the participants that I knew - ALL male of course. Where were all the women shooters at??? Just a curious question to our sports department.

I'd like to thank the Flashlight for letting me express my feelings. These were things that I'd like to see changes in the near future. Good luck to everyone.

Alicia Schirato
CJA / Psych major
History / Women's Studies minor

Director of Dining Services questions commentary

Dear Editor,

I am writing to touch on a few points about your commentary of February 6, 1998. I appreciate your interest in the dining program. I am sorry the day you visited Manser that you did not find anything which appealed to you. I wish that you had approached one of our staff; perhaps they could have had something prepared for you, that would have been more to your liking.

There have been many changes even since last semester.

Our current program is a result of student input. Sources include the Food Service Committee, student surveys, comment cards, direct input from conversations with students, and a visiting team of managers from other state universities. The dining program is always a work in progress; constantly changing to better serve student needs.

I invite you to come and meet with me or Kerry McGuire our Food Production Manager to

learn about and observe the program we are presenting. We always welcome input, and will make the changes we can make. It is most helpful if suggestions are specific.

There is an active and effective food service committee and we meet Thursdays at 4 PM in South Court. You are welcome to come and participate.

Sincerely,
Richard W. Anderson
Director of Dining Services

Senator questions wire editor's viewpoint

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in response to an article printed in last week's edition of the Flashlight. The headline...SGA inside elections, by Thomas A. Jones. Being a member of Student Government Association, I found this story interesting, not so much for its content, more for its angle and its writer.

Thomas A. Jones does make some very good points, ones that I happen to agree with. What he neglected to mention was that Tom himself, was in fact a senator on Student Government Association. Notice I said "was", that is, because Monday February 9, 1998, Thomas A. Jones had turned in his letter of resignation.

You may be thinking, so what, or why should I care, well, I'll tell you why. If you're going to report on an issue, I think you should tell us everything. Tell us

how you sat at each S.G.A. meeting this semester in silence. Tell us how, when the topic of a campus wide election was open for discussion, you said nothing. Maybe you could have told us that when the idea of giving S.G.A. money to a Greek organization came up, once again you remained silent. If nothing else, at least inform the reader that you are (or were) a student elected senator on Mansfield's Student Government Association.

Why did you choose not to speak up at the meetings, but had no problem turning around and expressing your "feelings" in the campus paper? You had a vote, as well as a voice, you should have put both of these to good use. I was the only senator to speak out on some of these issues, and when I did I heard my voice echo. No one responded at all, so we moved on to the next item on our agenda. I agree that the S.G.A. elections

should be publicized and students should be told that their school needs them. I just wish you, Thomas A. Jones, chose a different route to take while achieving your goal.

Furthermore, the campus newspaper has a reporter at each Student Government Association meeting, and if he/she wrote this article I would not be as upset.

S.G.A. was not abandoned this semester, I feel you, Tom, abandoned S.G.A. I'm very proud to represent the students of Mansfield University by being a senator on S.G.A. If we all took pride in our student positions we could make this school a much better place. The S.G.A. meetings are always open, and each week on the agenda we have available time for public comments. I personally invite anyone to attend the weekly meetings. Student Government welcomes your feedback.

Thank you,
Robert Thomas

Commentary

Dr. Halstead gets tips/hints from editor in chief

Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

Dear Dr. Halstead,

In light of your recent appointment as President Kelchner's replacement, I have a few suggestions and tips for you as you acclimate yourself to both Mansfield University and the Mansfield community.

For starters, you are taking on the tremendous task of replacing President Kelchner. In his time here he has done some incredible things aside from building a relationship with the students that will probably never be matched. We are confident you will do great things for us as well, but don't ever try to be President Kelchner. Be yourself and make your own mark on this campus.

You should also keep some fresh baked cookies at home in the off

chance some students drop by. You'll be amazed at how some people accept you if your chips are rich and the cookie is moist.

Second, try to avoid Manser at all costs. In the time you will be here, you will be forced to eat up there at least once (or you'll find yourself in this space being criticized by me) so take some tranquilizers in case your potatoes begin biting your hand.

Next, if you plan on taking courses here for some reason, buy your books somewhere else. I know almost exactly what your salary will be and trust me, you'll barely be able to afford the books in the bookstore. You might even consider getting a second job. The people in the bookstore are nice, but the prices are cruel.

Also, if you find yourself bored, don't join a club or organization. Popular opinion around here seems to dictate that being active is "uncool" or

"dorkish". If you want to be cool, do large amounts of drugs and act like there is nothing to do.

If you really want something to do, bitch and complain and piss and moan. That must get something done because that seems to be what non-Greek and non-group members do and look at the fun they're having.

In addition, you should know that Ms. Herbst is an excellent assistant and replacing her would be a huge mistake. She'll make sure your day is in order while she makes sure students have time with you as well.

And this is the best tip I could give you: make time for the students. We know when administrators are "phoning it in" and we can tell when some horse-toothed jackass tries to make students think they care when they don't (I am NOT referring to the Provost or any other vice president, so don't try to guess who I mean; I mean no one in particular).

You don't have to dedicate every minute of every day meeting with students. We understand that people in the higher ranks have busy schedules and sometimes it's hard to find time for students.

In terms of athletics, we have a lot of really top-shelf programs and we have some that are rebuilding. For the most part, the athletes at this school are good people, win or lose. Like the rest of us, you'll have to cheer when we are victorious and supportive when we're not.

You also need to remember that this school is small and the people here are good people. The community is full of good people too. We all complain, but we complain because we like it here. If we didn't we'd leave.

Last but not least, there is a lot of bull on this campus. Don't mess with the bull—you might just get the horns. Good Luck!

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Robert Burns
Associated Press

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Clinton's presidency vs. Nixon's term

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There are familiar protests against leaks. And there is a torrent of leaks.

President Clinton said "never" to the question of resignation, an idea presidents didn't confront until Nixon became the first one to quit. Nixon had said he wouldn't do it, surrendering when it was clear that otherwise he would have been expelled by Congress.

In both cases, politics shaped the arguments, Republicans rallying to Nixon in the beginning, but with increasing skepticism as the case wore on.

Democrats generally have been more cautious in Clinton's defense, but his loyalists are there.

And they are out front, complaining about the conduct of Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater independent counsel, whose role dates from a law enacted by Democrats and signed by a Democratic president four years after Watergate felled Nixon. To the Clinton camp, Starr is a partisan, misbehaving Republican, part of the right-wing conspiracy Hillary Clinton said is arrayed against her husband.

To the Nixon camp, Archibald Cox, the Watergate special prosecutor the president had to accept under political pressure, was a worst-choice Democrat, out to get him.

Cox didn't have time, but when Nixon had him fired, on Oct. 20, 1973, it was a turning point toward impeachment proceedings. A new special prosecutor went on with the case, producing the evidence that undid Nixon's congressional defense.

That case involved the misuse of presidential power. This one involves personal misconduct, the surreptitiously recorded account of a former White House intern to a friend, that she had a sexual relationship with Clinton and he encouraged her to lie about it under oath.

She has sought immunity from prosecution, has not testified, and her account is still secondhand and untested. But within the week after the disclosure that Starr's franchise had been expanded to cover that inquiry, there was talk by commentators and, soon afterward, in Congress, that the president might resign the office or face impeachment.

And at his news conference last Friday, Clinton was asked whether he'd consider resigning at some point. "Never," he replied. "You know, I was elected to do a job..."

"I would never walk away from the people of this country and the trust they've placed in me," he said.

Nixon wrote in his memoirs that he had thought of resigning as early as April 1973, more than 15 months before he did it. But he certainly didn't act that way, then or in the year that followed.

"I have no intention whatever of walking away from the job I was elected to do," Nixon said on Nov. 7, 1973, a line he repeated in his 1974 State of the Union message.

He also said in his later writings that he had mused on the impact on future presidents. "Once the first president had resigned under fire, and thereby established a precedent, the opponents of future presidents would have formidable new leverage," he said.

Nixon said it would change the American system of government. That hasn't happened, but the Nixon precedent made resignation an option open to

political debate, not the unthinkable idea it once seemed.

Indeed, the impeachment proceedings that forced Nixon to quit were worrisome to Congress concerned they would traumatically unsettle the country.

After he quit, Nixon said the constitutional purpose had been served because, while the votes hadn't been cast in Congress, they had been counted, showing that he would have been impeached, evicted and expelled.

There's another thread in the complaint by David Kendall, Clinton's lawyer, about grand jury leaks he blamed on Starr, and wants a court to stop.

He said Starr's office is "out of control." Starr said he will look into any leaks and take action. He denied Kendall's claim that the leaks reflect a cynical attempt to pressure and smear people.

Nixon repeatedly protested what he called "prejudicial leaks" from the Senate Watergate committee.

And one more. Clinton refuses to go into detail beyond his denial of sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky, the former intern, saying he is bound to silence during the investigation. Actually, there is no legal stricture of silence while Starr investigates, but as defense and political policy, it makes sense.

Early in the Watergate investigation, Nixon allies suggested he go on national television and tell everything he knew about the whole business. He knew too much, of course, but that wasn't evident at the time.

"If I gave a speech and said, 'I didn't do it,' the Democrats would say, 'The son of a bitch is lying,'" Nixon wrote later. "And the Republicans would probably say, 'Ho hum, he is probably lying, but he is our son of a bitch.'"

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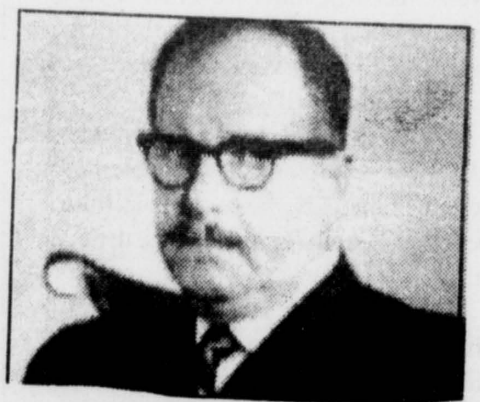
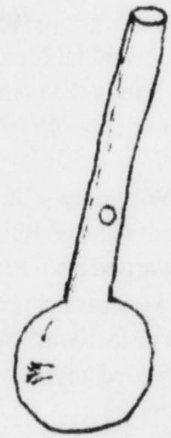


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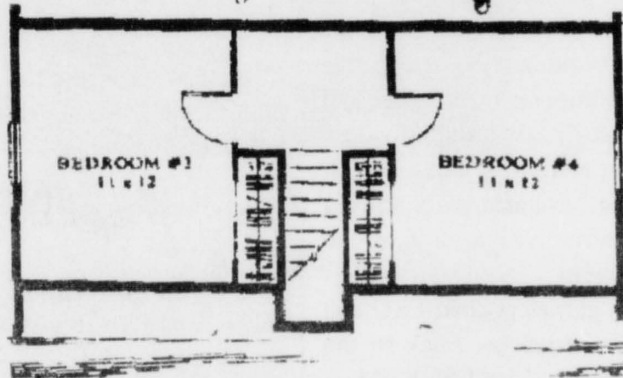
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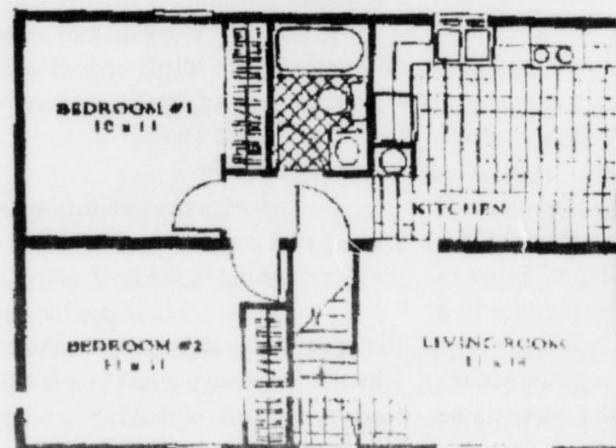
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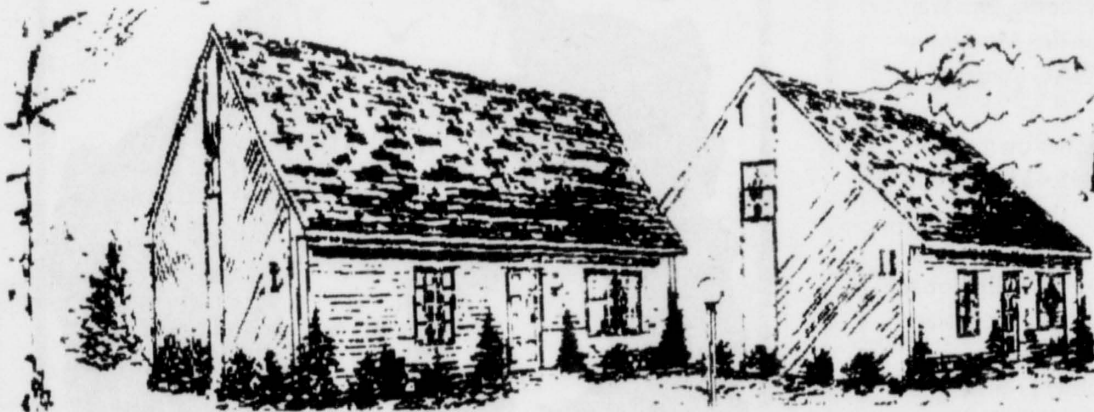
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Friday, Feb. 13, 1998

Mounties drop key PSAC East game

Jason Feather
Sports Editor

The Mansfield Mountaineers hosted the top-ranked Eastern Division team Bloomsburg Huskies on Wednesday evening with hopes of continuing their winning ways, and holding on to a piece of second place for the playoffs. That wasn't the only thing at stake.

Mansfield had two players that were playing in their final regular season game on the Decker Gymnasium hardwood against Bloomsburg, and what better way to end their careers than with a win over the top-ranked Huskies.

For the first thirteen minutes of the game, the Mountaineers looked as though they were going to prevail and hold on to that second spot, and send their seniors out with a "W."

However, Tom Hauer and Jeffrey Benson had other things in mind.

Hauer brought the Huskies back from being down by as many as six in the first half, and made a lay-up at the 6:27 mark to give Bloomsburg the lead for good. Hauer scored 10 of his 17 points in the first half in leading the Huskies to a 31-25 halftime lead.

Tommy Harvey kept the Mountaineers in it throughout the entire game with his team-high 20 points.

It was a case of "you live by the three, you die by the three."

The Mountaineers shot three of 19 from beyond the arc for the game, and just 32% from the floor overall.

Steve Shannon and Shaud Broyles contributed 10 and eight points respectively while Shannon also added eight boards to his credit.

In the second half, the Huskies were led by Benson's 19 points on eight of 10 shooting including two huge three pointers.

The Huskies outscored the Mountaineers during the second half 41-27 on the strength of 60% shooting from the floor.

The loss dropped the Mountaineers into fifth place, and a half game out of the playoff picture behind East Stroudsburg and West Chester, whom the Mountaineers play next week.

The showdown with Bloomsburg was all set up by way of a 90-60 thrashing of the Cheyney Wolves last Saturday at Decker Gym by the Mountaineers.

In the game with the Wolves, Harvey and Broyles once again led the way, combining to score 45 points.

The Mountaineers led from the opening tip all the way to the final whistle, building a comfortable 43-23 lead at the half with 11 points from Harvey and Broyles each.

Cheyney went on a 15-4 run to start the second half, highlighted by a dunk from Henry Thelusma with 13:59 to play. The Mountaineers then went on a run of their own, 34-17, over the final 10 minutes to seal the deal.

Mansfield shot 59.2% from the field to Cheyney's 37.1%.

Broyles scored a game-high 24 points while Harvey recorded a double-double with 21 points and 12 assists. Junior forward Tyson Pye also posted a double-double for the Mountaineers with 18 points and 13 boards.

Mansfield held the conference's second highest scorer to 16 points with Brahim Pharr adding 13 and Jason Burgess 11.

The Mountaineers will now take it to the road for a non-conference meeting with SUNY-Binghamton.

After that, Mansfield will be in two big fights against teams that will be fighting for the same thing as them, a playoff spot.

The Mountaineers will travel to East Stroudsburg on Wednesday, and then West Chester next Saturday to close out the regular season schedule. With two wins, the Mountaineers should guarantee themselves a spot in the PSAC tournament.

Both games against ESU and WCU will be broadcast back to the Mansfield area on GIANT 89.5 FM.

PSAC Men's Basketball Standings

Eastern Division

Team	Conf.	All
Bloomsburg	9-1	15-7
Millersville	6-4	10-11
West Chester	5-4	16-7
E. Stroudsburg	5-4	11-11
MANSFIELD	5-5	9-13
Cheyney	3-6	10-11
Kutztown	0-9	8-15

PSAC Women's Basketball Standings

Eastern Division

Team	Conf.	All
Bloomsburg	9-1	18-5
Kutztown	7-2	15-8
Millersville	6-4	14-8
West Chester	5-4	11-11
E. Stroudsburg	4-5	10-13
Cheyney	2-7	7-13
MANSFIELD	0-10	1-22

UPCOMING GAMES

Men's/ Women's Basketball

- 2/14 @ Binghamton 6 / 8 p.m.
2/18 @ E. Stroudsburg 6 / 8 p.m.

Indoor Track

- 2/14 @ Cornell Invitational

Wrestling

- 2/13 @ Pitt-Johnstown 7 p.m.

Swimming

- 2/19-21 @ PSAC Championships

Wrestlers lose to Red Raiders

Jason Feather
Sports Editor

The Mansfield University Mountaineers wrestling team dropped a 29-10 decision to Shippensburg University, the 20th ranked team in Division II.

The Mountaineers' (2-11) Joel Brinker (150), Kris Kearns (158) and Jason Worden (167) had the only successful performances on the day against the Red Raiders (26-10).

Brinker defeated Brett Owen by decision, 9-5, for Mansfield's first win. Kearns followed with a 14-5 major decision of Brad Beecher, and the Worden ended the Mansfield scoring with a 3-1 decision over Chris Stetter.

Brinker's win over Owen improved his record to 8-5, and gives him 85 career wins leaving him three shy of the school record set by former Mountaineer great Scott Setzer.

A road trip to national powerhouse Pitt-Johnstown is the next stop for the Mountaineers before retuning home for their final dual-meet of the season against Gannon University next Saturday.

Mounties drop meet to ESU

Jason Feather
Sports Editor

The Mansfield University Mountaineers women's swimming team hosted East Stroudsburg University last Saturday as a part of the Winter Athletic Alumni Weekend.

The Mountaineers got an impressive performance from freshman Candace Cipolla, who set two new school records with first place finishes in the 100 butterfly and 200 IM, but it wasn't enough to overcome the Warriors as ESU defeated the Mountaineers 103-62 in the PSAC swimming meet.

Cipolla broke her own school marks with times of 1:05.43 in the butterfly, and 2:21.71 in the individual medley events.

Jen Rossman was the only other Mountaineer to take first place with a 2:39.83 in the 200 back.

The Mountaineers now prepare themselves for the PSAC Championship swim meet which will be held on February 19th through the 21st.

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Martin victorious in lawsuit versus PGA, allowed to ride cart on Nike tour

by David B. Pascal
Sports Features Reporter

This week in sports news, the topic that has everyone talking is the Casey Martin story.

Casey Martin, a player on the Nike Pro tour, sued the Professional Golf Association for the right to use a golf cart in tournament play.

His legal action comes due to his physical problems. Martin has medically documented circulatory problems in his lower right leg that causes him great physical pain after prolonged use. So he asked the PGA if he would be

around to compete using a cart even though the rules state that everyone must use a caddy, and walk to courses. His request was denied and he took his argument to court.

His grounds for doing so were that the PGA was violating the federal disabilities act. The PGA's argument towards this testament is that they are their own private association, and they can make and enforce their own rules, if you don't like, tough. Just like in professional baseball, the MLB is the only level, and association, that you have to, by rule, use wooden bats. So the PGA figured they would win under those grounds just in the context of a golf course.

However, the PGA thought wrong. After 3 and a half hours of deliberation the just decided on the plaintiff's behalf. The judge who openly admitted he doesn't play golf felt that Martin's right were fringed upon, and that it wouldn't hurt the game if he used a cart.

Martin who fell two strokes short of qualifying for the PGA on his last attempt, will get another shot and try to win another Nike tournament and gain in the total money won.

Now the argument is that other players on the pro tour want to use golf carts and that is going to be the ongoing problem for the PGA, that is why they intend to appeal the decision of the

courts.

I agree with the PGA on this one, exactly like they said baseball the rule is wooden bats. Other examples, like in football you have to have both feet in bounds to have a completed pass. Pro basketball is the only level of basketball that you cannot play zone defense, you can get called for illegal defense, and has a twenty-four second shot clock.

So basically, each different association has the right to make their own rules that the players have to abide by. So it is a shame for Casey Martin that he has the problems that he does physically, and if he has the passion for the sport he would have to do his best to suffice. I don't know, but that's my opinion

FLASHLIGHT ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

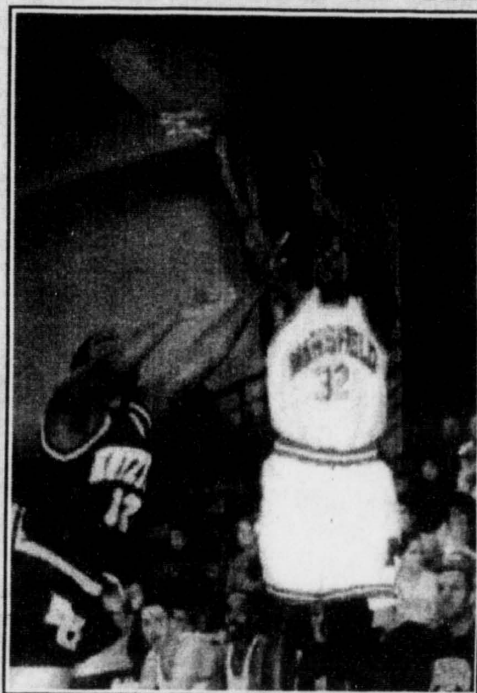


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Tommy Harvey was named Player of the Week by the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference for the Eastern Division.

Harvey, a 5-9 sophomore point guard from Pottstown, was sensational in leading the Mountaineers to a tie for second place in the PSAC East before a loss against Bloomsburg on Wednesday night.

In the wins over Kutztown and Cheyney, Harvey averaged 21.5 points per

Mountaineer women's basketball still struggling through conference schedule

by Jason Feather
Sports Editor

There would have been nothing sweeter for the Mansfield University Mountaineers women's basketball team than to send their seniors out on a winning note against the top team in the PSAC East, the Bloomsburg Huskies.

The Mounties managed to score just 11 points in the first half in dropping a 65-44 decision to the Huskies, and thus ruining the festivities of senior night for Jill Masker, Cheryl Farabaugh and Jackie Williams.

Mansfield (1-22 overall, 0-10 conference) was only able to hit on just 29.5% for the game.

Masker, who needed just four 3-pointers to break the school's single-season and career records for "trifectas," made only three in front of the Mountaineer faithful.

From the outset, things didn't seem like they were going to fare well for the Mountaineers, and in particular the senior Farabaugh.

Just a couple minutes into the game, Farabaugh appeared to catch an elbow just above her left eyebrow causing her to fall to the Decker Gymnasium hardwood. She was helped off the floor, and didn't return to play for the rest of the game because of a slight con-

cussion.

Bloomsburg's Michele Ruzicka led the way with 21 points while Karen Bucher added 14 points.

Christy Berry was also an intricate part of the Huskie offense dropping in eight points and ripping down a game-high 11 rebounds for Bloomsburg (9-1 PSAC, 18-5 overall).

Last Saturday the Mountaineers had a grand opportunity to pick up their first PSAC East conference win in a game with Cheyney University.

Leading 29-27 at the half, the Mountaineers offense went cold while the Wolves offense caught fire to take the victory away from Mansfield 69-57.

Senior Melissa Boyd scored 14 of her game-high 22 points in the second half to pace the Wolves comeback. Cheyney (3-6 PSAC, 10-11 overall) used a 10-2 run midway through the second half, six of them from Boyd, to pull out the win.

The Mountaineers by Marisa Davis and Lauren Martin who each contributed 13 points. Martin also pulled down a career-high 15 rebounds.

Mansfield has three games left with a non-conference meeting with SUNY-Binghamton this Saturday, and a conference match-up at East Stroudsburg Wednesday.

"I would like to see us continue to play with intensity," Coach Ruppel said.

Indoor track team takes 2nd at Fredonia Invitational meet

Press Release

Todd Stewart won the 3,000 meters and Lamar Crawford broke the school long jump record to lead the Mansfield University men to a second place finish at the 16th Fredonia State Indoor Invitational.

Mansfield was second with 44.5 points behind team winner Fredonia's 124.5 points. Allegheny was third, Broackport fourth and Buffalo State fifth.

Stewart, a freshman, easily won the 3,000 meters with a time of 9:02.7 outdistancing the second place finisher by almost five seconds. His

second place time of 4:09.7 in the 1,500 meters broke the MU record of 4:12.04 set by Anthony Robyler in 1990.

Crawford broke his own school long jump record set earlier this season with a first place leap of 22' 2-1/4", almost a foot better than the second place jump. He also took second in the triple jump with a 41' 10-1/2" effort, and tied for third in the high jump at 6'0".

The Mountaineer women finished fifth in the five team field behind winner Fredonia State. Colleen Ryder took second in the 500 meters with a school record time of 1:23.67 and also finished second in the 1,000 meters.

The Mountaineers will compete in the Cornell Invitational this Saturday for their last meet of the season.

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Royal member of Geographic society lectures

Doughty gives students a look at the Earth's environment from a greater perspective

Thomas A. Jones
wire editor

Allen Hall was filled with images of Earth when Howard Doughty, a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, lectured a crowd of students.

"It's an environmentally oriented program," Doughty said.

The program was broken up into several sections that included "cities," "clouds," "storms," the "Mediterranean realm," "space art," and the "good, the bad, and the ugly."

Doughty's program featured the best of the Earth photographs from space.

"It's a program about our world's environment, and geography," said Doughty. "We live on a terrestrial planet. It's the only planet you can stand on, look up and see a blue sky."

Doughty explained that views of the sky on other planets differed from ours. On Mercury for example, the sky is the blackness of space. Venus has a gray cloudy sky, and Mars' sky is a pale pink.

For his program, Doughty took the view of Earth above the clouds, some 150 miles looking back down on the ground.

Doughty began his presentation with photographs of the North American continent.

"North America happens to be the continent with the longest coastline," Doughty said.

He explained that in 1817 when the state of Mississippi was founded, the river was the state boundary. Since that time, the river has changed its course in 22 places, changing the state boundary with it.

On May 18, 1980, Mt. St. Helens erupted in



Howard Doughty is a member of the Royal Geographic Society and has delivered presentations across North America.



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Doughty provided pictures like this one of the Earth during his slide presentation at Allen Hall.

Washington state.

"Just 90 minutes after the blast along came another Noah satellite (which photographed it)," said Doughty. "The blast debris filled in Spirit Lake"

Spirit Lake is the nearby body of water that was filled with logs and brush from the explosion.

Doughty's presentation then moved to Hawaii, which he said is the largest mountain in the world.

"It's just that more than half of this mountain is under water," he said.

Doughty next showed some photographs of the upper atmosphere, again all taken from space.

"All of our weather is contained in the Troposphere," Doughty said, and showed another picture, this one of the sunset concentrating its light through the troposphere.

Doughty moved on to the Mediterranean Realm.

"The Mediterranean is in a very dry area of the Earth," said Doughty. "The Mediterranean actually evaporates 3 times as much water as it is filled from the land."

Doughty indicated that the Mediterranean is constantly taking water from the Atlantic Ocean.

He also showed images of the Acropolis, part of the Parthenon, in Greece.

"The Acropolis has deteriorated more in the last 25 years, than in the previous 2500 years," Doughty said.

Doughty then began the category entitled "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly."

This category deals with the way humanity has treated the planet, and how its effects are visible from the sky above.

As an example of the good, Doughty showed photos of the Israelis attempting to irrigate their desert nation.

"The Israelis look to be good stewards of the

desert," Doughty said.

The bad was exemplified by the Grand Canyon, which when viewed from above is an area covered with smog.

To show the ugly, he projected an image of the Aswan Dam in Egypt.

"The Aswan Dam, has disrupted the natural pulse of the world's longest river," he said.

Doughty's final category was called "space art." "Space art" is usually false color photographs, or real color photographs showing dramatic elements of the Earth.

A particularly spectacular photo was one showing Death Valley, which according to Doughty is the hottest, driest, lowest spot in North America.

Students responded well to Doughty's presentation.

"I thought it was pretty good," said Sean Petro, a senior at Mansfield University. "The pictures were really cool."

Brian Murphy, Vice-President of MAC, which cosponsored the lecture, thought that the program is a good learning opportunity for the students that attended.

"It gives students a better appreciation of the world around them," said Murphy. "We hope that they really enjoyed the presentation."

Eddy Gorman, a chairman with MAC said, "We thought that with these programs we'll enlighten the campus community to other issues that may not be prevalent in their lives right now."

Clarence Crisp, Director of Student Affairs thought that it is always fascinating to see how small the earth really is.

Howard Doughty is also a Chairman of the World Vista Foundation, and has lectured or exhibited at museums in Chicago, Detroit, Seattle, Santa Barbara, Winnipeg, and at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco.

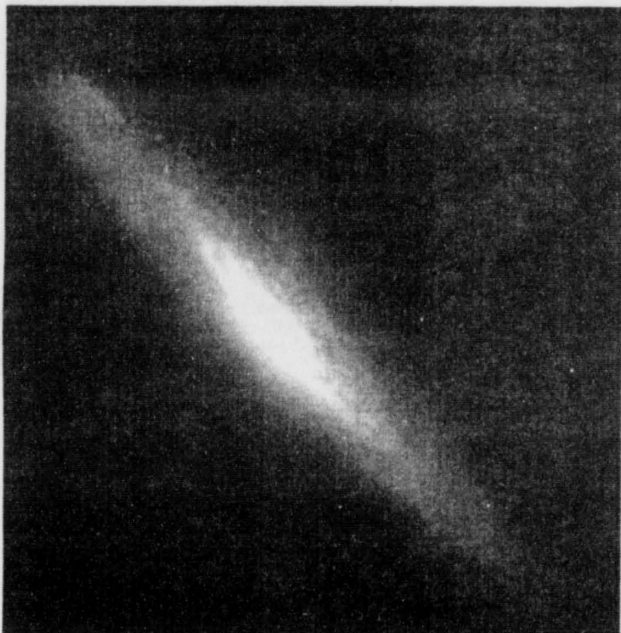


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Doughty talked about "Space art" and other pictures taken from beyond the Earth's atmosphere.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, 2/13/98

9:00 a.m. Presidential Announcement in North Dining Hall

8:00 p.m. U.S. Naval Academy Low Brass Ensemble performing in Steadman Theatre

TBA Party at Darren's

SATURDAY, 2/14/98

3:00 p.m. Mark A. Napolitan/Pam Krum Tuba and French horn recital

8:00 p.m. USNA, Low Brass Soloist in Steadman Theatre

9:00 p.m. Live Performance of Loni Gamble & Sound Cheque at Zanzibar

WEDNESDAY, 2/18/98 11:45-5:45 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive in North Dining Hall

THURSDAY, 2/19/98 1:00-2:00 p.m. International Discussion Hour in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center

7:00 p.m. The Film and Lecture Series Presents the Film "Basquiat"

SATURDAY, 2/21/98 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. MENC/Orff Workshop

3:00 p.m. Mark Kellogg Clinic in Steadman Theatre

8:00 p.m. Mark Kellogg Guest Euphonium in Steadman Theatre

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Fire erupts in Cedarcrest; no one injured

Joe Wagner
managing editor

A fire broke out in Cedarcrest Residence Hall last Tuesday, Feb. 17, morning at approximately 10:30 a.m.

The first notice that campus police received there was a fire was from the smoke detector outside room 508A, the room where the fire started. Campus police called in the alarm to the Mansfield Volunteer Fire Department.

"The police received two notices indicating there was a smoke problem," Mike Lemasters, Mansfield's Residence Life Director, said. "The first alarm was from the smoke detector directly outside room 508. The next came from just down the hall which showed

that the smoke problem was growing."

A student pulled the fire alarm pull lever on the alarm box which triggered the fire alarm system. About 100 students evacuated the building.

Mansfield University public relations spokesman, Scott Miller, witnessed the incident. He said that about 100 residents were evacuated for about half an hour because of the alarm.

"We are quite sure that the fire was caused by a hot iron that was left on the coffee table where there was other flammables," Mansfield Fire Chief Rick Roupp said.

Roupp said that the fire was contained in room 508A, the room where the fire started. As a result of the building's concrete block construction, the fire did not make its way from room 508A.

The fire was put out by two firefighters using a wall mounted hose in the building.

The two students who live in the room, freshmen Valerie Thomas and Shawna Tighe, were not there when the fire started. The hot iron that started the fire was a hair curling iron that was left on when the two left the room, Thomas said.

Lemasters confirmed that the fire started as a result of the curling iron. The room itself, the furniture in the room, and the walls were singed and scarred from the heat and flames Lemasters said.

"There was limited smoke and water damage to a couple of rooms," Joe Miller, Assistant Director of Residence Life, said. "The ceiling tile was wet and

dripped down and carpets were wet from fire hoses."

Immediately after the fire was extinguished and students were allowed to enter the building again, custodial and maintenance workers began cleaning up.

"People need to know how hard people worked to restrict damages. People have literally spent hours working to restore the floor," Lemasters said. "Servicemaster is going to come in and clean and restore the damage to the rooms."

Servicemaster is a professional cleaning company that specializes in clean up.

Tighe and Thomas have moved to a room on the fourth floor of Cedarcrest

see blaze, pg 2

Future president welcomed at reception Board picks Halstead to lead university into next millenium

Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

The Mansfield University community officially welcomed their next president Friday morning for the first time since the Board of Governors made their decision.

State System Chancellor James McCormick announced at a 9:00 am press conference in North Dining Hall that the Board of Governors had selected Dr. John Halstead as retiring President Rod Kelchner's replacement.

The announcement followed a week of speculation after the field was narrowed down to three candidates. Professors and students have mixed reactions about the decision, but many are optimistic about his appointment.

In his first address as president-elect, Halstead looked to the future and the shift of powers. Although he doesn't officially assume the role of president until July 1, Halstead said he hopes the change will be easy.

"We want a smooth transition," he said.

Halstead's address also included commendations for the man who will step down after 15 years as president.

"I have great respect for Rod Kelchner," he said. "He's a tough act to follow."

Halstead described his style of

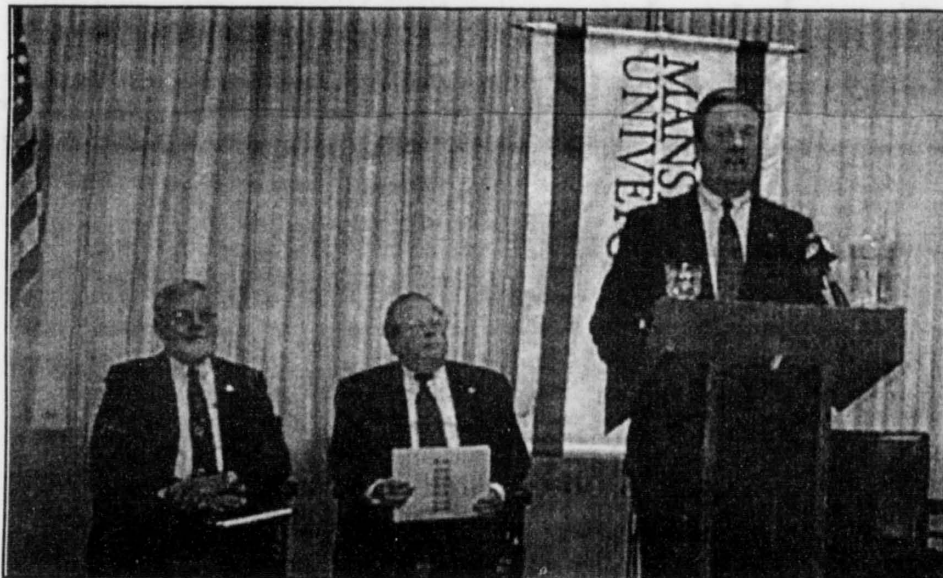


photo by Darren A. Meehan

Dr. John Halstead (standing), spoke at a press conference Friday morning after James McCormick, Chancellor (seated, right), announced the Board of Governor's decision. Lewis Lee (left) headed the search committee from Mansfield University.

leadership as "inclusive" and urges members of the community to help.

"I will be a strong leader but I will need your help leading Mansfield University into the next millennium," he said. "Let's work together to assume a strong future."

Part of Halstead's leadership, he said, would be meeting the people he and his family, wife Kathy and daughter Christine, will interact with every day. But Halstead added that meeting new people was one of the perks of the job.

"We think this is the right community for us," he said. "We're pleased to be here and part of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

"One of the assets of being new is going out and meeting the community," he said. "I'll be out there meeting students in all types of venues."

Matt Noldy, MU senior, hopes Halstead remembers his commitment to the students.

see commitment, pg 2

Blood drive attendance low, volunteerism high

Joe Wagner
managing editor

The blood drive held in North Dining Hall last Wednesday failed to meet its goal of receiving 180 pints of blood.

124 blood donors went to the blood drive with a net result of only 109 full pints of blood. Despite not meeting the Red Cross's goal, many Mansfield students volunteered to help at the Bloodmobile.

"The volunteerism has been the best that it has ever been," Tom Johnston,

the Director of the Student Union. "We've done the best publicity we have ever done, too. It just didn't make a big difference, we still didn't have the numbers. It's frustrating."

Over 60 students, mostly Greeks, took turns manning hour and fifteen minute volunteer shifts at the Bloodmobile.

The University is not responsible for setting the goal for the blood drive, Johnston said. The Red Cross determines the goal for the number of pints of usable blood donations.

"We haven't made our goal in several years," Johnston said. "But when you think about it, when the blood drive

is over, you still have one hundred more pints of blood than when you started out."

The last time that the Bloodmobile met its goal was in 1987. That year, there were 214 pints donated while the goal was set at only 170.

That blood drive was held in the Laurel lounge rather than in North Dining Hall.

"A blood drive is a see and be seen event. It was easier for students to drop by in Laurel than what it is in North Dining Hall," Johnston said. "North Dining Hall is a good room, but it is out of sight. It's not as much of a social event."

Mountie team ranked seventh in the nation

press release

Although they don't play their first game until March 6, the Mansfield University baseball team continues to move up in the NCAA Division II weekly poll.

The SEVENTH RANKED Mountaineers, the defending PSAC Champions, were ranked 11th in the national preseason poll and moved up to 10th in voting last week.

"It all comes down to respect for the program," head coach Harry Hillson explains. "We've been so successful during the 1990s that people assume we're going to be that good again this year even though we haven't played yet. We're proud of that and I think we have the ability to live up to those expectations again this season."

The Mountaineers, who have captured five of the last six PSAC titles, were recently ranked as the seventh most successful program in the nation during the 1990s by the NCAA.

Mansfield opens the 1998 season in Ft. Myers, Florida on March 6, against Missouri-St. Louis.

NCAA DIVISION II BASEBALL POLL

as of (2/16/98)

- 1 - Kennesaw State (GA)
- 2 - Georgia College
- 3 - Valdosta State (GA)
- 4 - SIU-Edwardsville
- 5 - Central Missouri State
- 6 - St. Leo
- 7 - MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY
- 8 - Alabama-Huntsville
- 9 - Tampa
- 10 - Cal-Poly - Ponomo

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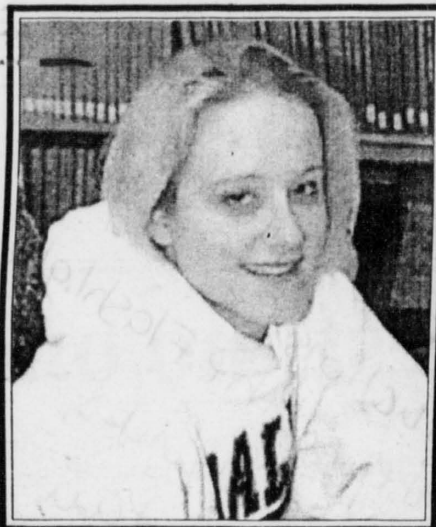
"Do you feel the United States should attack Iraq?"

by Melissa Wascalus



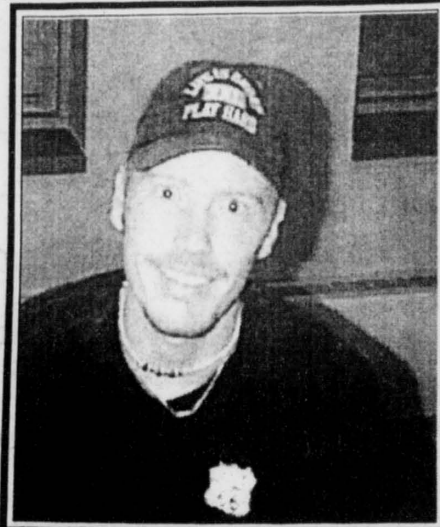
Andrew Brown
Junior

"I don't even know what's going on."



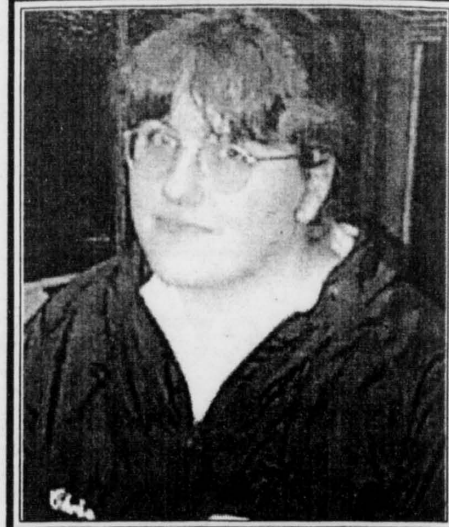
Tessa Stack
Sophomore

"No. We have too many issues at home to deal with."



Lee Miller
Sophomore

"Yeah, I do. Somebody's gotta do something or else someone will have to do more later."



Chris Prusinski
Sophomore

"I don't think so. It will never be finished."

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Hall. The occupants of three other rooms were moved to other dorms because of smoke and water damage.

Campus Ministry and Stugent Government Association have donated

money and clothes to Tighe and Thomas. Alpha Sigma Tau sorority has also donated to Tighe and Thomas.

"We've got a lot friends that are helping out and there are organizations that are supplying us with things we lost in the fire," Thomas said.

from commitment, pg 1

"I hope to see him up and walking around greeting students like Rod Kelchner always does," Noldy said.

Opinions around the community of this school of approximately 3000 students are mixed about Halstead's appointment. Dr. Albert Dalmolen, professor of politics, believes Halstead is a good choice, but wasn't his preferred candidate.

"I thought Abebe was the number one candidate but I would have placed Halstead second," he said.

David Hensel, MU junior, agreed with Dalmolen's sentiments and said students and faculty shouldn't judge him yet.

"He wasn't what the students wanted. He wasn't exactly the student's choice but we'll have to give him a chance," Hensel said. "I really don't think we had enough time with the candidates, so it's hard to tell much about any one of them."

Criticisms surrounding the entire selection process surfaced on the campus during two weeks of visits from the final five potential candidates. Students wondered why they were only allotted time during the one hour addresses the candidates endured with the general public. During the address, every candidate offered students to attend the following morning's meeting with the Student Government Association executive board.

Dalmolen found the student concern and participation during the selection process promising and hopes it forecasts a change in the collective apathy from the students. He also said he was surprised when students focused on the issue of time earmarked for students.

thy from the students. He also said he was surprised when students focused on the issue of time earmarked for students.

"I was kind of surprised when students raised the question about time with the students," he said. "I didn't see a flaw. I didn't detect a problem because I wasn't involved but the candidates must have gotten the impression that students were prepared."

Each candidate spent approximately a day and a half each in Mansfield. Because of the tight itineraries for each man, Dalmolen sympathized with the candidates. He said people should remember that the candidates addressed the public after a full day of interviews. Dalmolen also said that people tend to place too much significance on the job.

"When we search for leaders, there's a natural tendency to focus our goals on that position," he said. "Given the fact that it's a shared governance, there's the danger of over emphasizing what one man can do."

Dr. Jay Gertzman, English professor, attended every public address and found Halstead's responses disingenuous.

"I thought he was striving to say whatever was acceptable to the people," he said. "Therefore, I'm not sure where he takes a stand on most of the issues he talked about."

Dr. John Halstead has worked at the University of Maine since 1987. He will replace current President Rod Kelchner, who has been working at Mansfield University since the sixties. He announced his retirement last summer.

If I can find my keys, I'm obviously sober enough to drive.
(If this is your attitude, it really sucks)

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M.U. Police responded to an alarm at Cedarcrest

Corrections:

Last week's article, "Campus joins Red Cross..." improperly identified the newest fraternity as Alpha Omega Delta. The newest fraternity, and the one credited with volunteering at the blood drive, is Phi Kappa Delta. *also...*

Last week's headline cites Dr. John Halstead as graduating from Harvard University. Dr. Halstead did post graduate work at Harvard but achieved his other degrees at various institutions.

"Basquiat" shown in Allen Hall

Film details the life of a young artist hooked on smack

by Thomas A. Jones
wire editor

Students in Allen Hall witnessed the true story of an African-American painter rising to the top of the New York art world in the early 1980's on Thursday, February 19th, in the film "Basquiat". The 1996 film was the second part of the Mansfield University Film and Lecture Series, sponsored by the Provost's Office and MAC.

The film is the true story of Jean Michel Basquiat, who died tragically of a heroin overdose at the age of 27.

In 1981, Jean Michel Basquiat catapulted from being an unknown graffiti artist living rough on the streets, to being the darling of New York's art critics. After a chance meeting, he sells some sketches to Andy Warhol (David Bowie) it isn't long before Basquiat is the talk of the town.

Then earning huge amounts of money for single paintings he lived the rock 'n' roll life style of sex and drugs to the excess. In spite of his fame this constantly stoned young artist walked the path of self destruction, never coming to terms with the phenomenal success that led to his demise.

Basquiat features an support cast including Gary Oldman, Dennis Hopper, Christopher Walken, William Dafoe, Benicio Del Turo, and Courtney Love.

After the movie, Dr. Edward Washington of the English department hosted a discussion. Topics mentioned included the use of imagery in the movie, the tragic nature of the title character, and the use of subplots within the movie.

"There are a lot of images in the film," said Dr. Washington, referring to the use of art throughout the movie.

The movie showcased the art of Basquiat, but also the work of artist Andy Warhol. In addition to the actual works themselves the film detailed the process used to create the sometimes overwhelming artwork.

The idea of Basquiat being a tragic figure is part of the plot. His career skyrockets but he still has his old



"Basquiat" was shown in Allen Hall Thursday night. The film details the life of a brilliant painter in the eighties.

habits, and cannot change. The very things that made him unique and successful are what bring about his downfall.

Dr. Andrew Longoria of the Theatre department said, "As a person I don't see any real shift in the film," referring to Basquiat. "He gets fame, he gets money... he's just doing what he always does."

"Is that meteoric rise, a tragedy," asked Washington. "On the other hand, his life is filled with all kinds of drugs and alcohol."

Washington suggested that there were many things that contributed to Basquiat's death.

"There are plenty of things we could say killed Basquiat, but some of

them are his own self-destructiveness," Washington said.

Another point mentioned in the discussion is the use of parables to foreshadow the plot.

The story of John Henry, a fictional railroad worker who beats a machine, but dies in the process, is used in the movie, and mirrors Basquiat's life.

"He beats the machine but he dies," said Washington, "and Jean Michel Basquiat says, 'But he won.'"

Mansfield University student Kaiser, who has seen the film before said he picked up more imagery the second time.

"I've seen it before and I think it's better the second time," said Kaiser.

Funding debate erupts at student govt. meeting

by Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

A debate about funding erupted Monday night at the Student Government Association meeting as senators addressed a second request for funding by a student organization.

The debate surrounded a request for transportation funding by the Campus Ministry for a Spring break trip down south. The proposal, which was voted on and rejected last week despite several senatorial abstentions, was approved this week after a lengthy debate.

SGA, who currently maintains a balance of about \$7000, also approved funding that would allow them to sponsor a dunk tank at this year's Maplefest. Senators debated whether or not they wanted to reject a volunteer organization's request for \$300 when they approved the \$425 necessary for the carnival attraction.

E.J. Gallagher, SGA executive board member, feels the SGA is forming a bad habit of supplying money to special interests and causes.

"I don't think we should set the precedent as a funding organization," he said.

Gallagher added that the money is meant to be used for one specific purpose: students.

"I'm in favor of keeping it (money), and giving it back to the students," he said.

Other senators argued that the expenses would cover the cost of travel and that those using the money would be spending their time working.

Senators also voted another member into SGA, filling the final empty seat and giving the students a "full senate".

Students who were not selected for positions in SGA were encouraged to continue attending meetings and were notified that applications would soon be available for next year's SGA.

SGA meets every Monday night in 204 Memorial Hall at 9:00 pm. All students are invited to the meetings.

Black History Month profile of the week

Affirmative action director wears many hats

by Joseph P. West
layout editor

While Ronald T. Smith, director of MU's affirmative action office was in the army, he was responsible for dealing with chemicals such as the ones that Sadaam Hussein has threatened to use on the United States.

However, here at Mansfield University, Smith has other jobs besides handling potentially deadly toxins.

"I am the person that is between the university and pretty much all of the legal process related to the issues of discrimination/non discrimina-

tion and that includes sexual harassment," Smith said.

Although some people would count that a full schedule, Smith does not. He said there are several other jobs that pertain to his title.

"I am responsible for the university's compliance, I am the university coordinator for the Americans with Disabilities Act, the ADA," Smith said.

Smith continued by adding that he is involved in two more jobs.

"I am responsible to write and monitor the Affirmative Action and social equality compliance, and keeping those in compliance with the ideas of the State System of Higher Education

(SSHE)," Smith said.

"As Human Resources Administrator, I work in the Human Resources Department," Smith said. "I'm kind of a back up person, if you will, more than anything else, for the administration side of the search process, the employment process," Smith said.

Smith is also cochair of the Presidents Advisory Board for Diversity, which reports to Rodney C. Kelchner, president of MU.

Smith also had an opinion of the developing Persian Gulf situation.

"We have backed ourselves, we the United States, into a corner, because of our super power position that

we cannot at this point, back away," Smith said. "I think it is almost inevitable that war will happen at some scale. Something has to happen."

Smith also had an opinion on the recent Monica Lewinski allegations which the president has had to deal with.

"As a man he probably made some choices that are less than discrete, however, I do not see that those choices, at this point anyway, in any way effect his ability to govern the country."

Mr. Ronald T. Smith can be located in Alumni Hall 112 or X4051

FBI arrests white separatists in Las Vegas

Pair developing deadly anthrax into biological weapons



CNN Photo
Larry Wayne Harris and William Job Leavitt Jr. are taken into custody by the FBI.

LAS VEGAS, Nevada (CNN) — The FBI has arrested two men, including a self-professed white separatist, on charges of developing and stockpiling a biological agent — suspected of being deadly anthrax — and conspiring to use it as a weapon.

The FBI announced the arrests of Larry

Wayne Harris and William Job Leavitt Jr. at a news conference Thursday. The men were taken into custody Wednesday evening and were being held at the Clark County Detention Center in Las Vegas.

"These individuals posed a potential chemical and biological threat to our community," said FBI Special Agent Bobby Siller. "It was suspected that these individuals were in possession of a dangerous biological chemical, anthrax."

However, Leavitt's lawyer, Lamond Mills, said that what the FBI actually seized was a substance the two men hoped to test and market as an anthrax vaccine.

Thursday afternoon, Harris and Leavitt made an appearance before a U.S. magistrate. No pleas were entered, and a decision on whether to release them on bond will be made at a hearing on Monday. The government has requested that they be held without bond.

Siller said the FBI has "no evidence" that any site in Las Vegas had been contaminated with biological agents.

However, a white Mercedes was seized, wrapped in protective plastic and taken to Nellis Air Force Base outside of the city for examination. One source told CNN that agents found "broken vials" in the seized car.

Other sources said tests will be conducted at Nellis to identify the materials

seized, which will take 24 to 48 hours.

The FBI was tipped off to Harris' alleged activities by a man in Las Vegas who said Harris had told him of his ability to make biological agents, a top law enforcement source told CNN.

The man apparently went with Harris to a medical office outside Las Vegas to observe Harris' makeshift laboratory, an official said.

Agents responding to the tip seized

These individuals posed a potential chemical and biological threat to our community,"

FBI Special Agent
Bobby Siller

unknown materials and petri dishes and "locked them up," the source said. "We're not sure what the hell they got."

Siller said agents were told one of the agents was anthrax, a bacteria that normally infects animals and can be deadly for humans, especially when inhaled.

Affidavits filed with arrest warrants for the men identifies the tipster as Ronald Rockwell, a cancer researcher who operated the medical clinic. He has a criminal record that includes two extortion

convictions, the FBI's affidavit said.

Mills said Rockwell was trying to sell Leavitt and Harris instruments they could use in their efforts to develop an anti-anthrax vaccine. He said Rockwell called the FBI after Harris and Leavitt balked at Rockwell's demand for cash up front before the instruments were tested for their research.

Harris, 46, a native of West Virginia who now lives in Lancaster, Ohio, has a microbiology degree from Ohio State University. He has written extensively on the dangers of biological warfare and how people can protect themselves with massive doses of antibiotics.

Harris has described himself as a white separatist. He once held the rank of lieutenant colonel in the far-right white separatist group Aryan Nations, and he has also told reporters that he is a follower of the Christian Identity movement.

During the 1980s, Harris was questioned about his involvement with the Aryan Nations by the Secret Service in advance of a visit to Ohio State by then-President George Bush.

In 1995, he was arrested after purchasing three vials of bubonic plague by mail from a Maryland laboratory.

That was not in and of itself a crime, but Harris was convicted on two counts of mail fraud and one count of wire fraud for misrepresenting the purpose of the purchase, a federal offense.

Continuing Coverage: Thunder in the Gulf

ABOARD THE USS INDEPENDENCE (AP) — U.S. Navy pilots are targeting areas for possible air strikes as they fly over southern Iraq enforcing a no-fly zone.

Warplanes from the United States and its allies have been flying armed over southern Iraq for some six years to back up the no-fly zone, but the flights have taken on a greater seriousness as U.S. forces prepare for a possible air strike.

Lt. John Picco, a F-18 pilot with the DamBusters squadron, said pilots carry live bombs and missiles and focus their weapons systems on potential targets as they fly over southern Iraq.

"You are pretty much training with what you would use," said Picco of

Annandale, Virginia.

"Finding the targets is challenging," said Picco, who flies his strike fighter under the name Rosco. "It's a big beach down there. Everything is pretty similar."

Rear Adm. Charles W. Moore, commander of the Independence and the aircraft carrier USS George Washington battle groups, said his forces are closely watching specific areas in Iraq that could be targeted.

"Pilots look through their weapons systems at the targets," he said.

He said any attacks would involve only laser-guided and satellite-guided arms.

Planes from the ship fly from 35 to 55 flights over southern Iraq each day, said

Capt. Mark Milliken, the commanding officer of Independence. The ship is based in Yokosuka, Japan, and usually operates in the Pacific. It carries 50 strike aircraft.

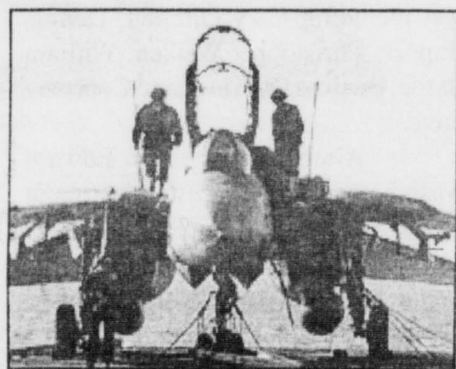
"We are trying to get an updated picture of where we might go if we are called upon," Milliken said. "Being from Japan, we are not used to the desert."

He said there were no unusual Iraqi activities in the area.

Iraq has rebuilt parts of its anti-aircraft system since the 1991 Gulf War and "there are some particular spots that we don't fly over," he said.

About a quarter of the ship's pilots are veterans of the Gulf War, he said.

At sunset Saturday, F-14 Tomcats and



CNN Photo
Crew work on an F-14 aboard the USS George Washington

F-18 Hornets carrying air-to-air missiles shot off the deck of the Independence for practice flights. Small puffs of steam rose from the deck as the catapult hurled each plane into the sky.

US acting without Arabian support in Persian Gulf

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Arab members of the coalition that forced Iraq to leave Kuwait in 1991 are denying the United States use of bases to attack Baghdad, reflecting a feeling that air strikes may do little more than kill civilians.

On Tuesday, Bahrain — which hosts the headquarters of the U.S. 5th Fleet — joined Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates in saying it wouldn't allow bombing raids against Iraq from its territory. Only Kuwait and Oman will apparently allow the use of their territory.

Without the support of the sprawling air bases in Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, the United States will have to rely more heavily on its two aircraft carriers in the Gulf.

"It will very much slow down the tempo that they would be able to maintain in bombing and interdiction," said William Hopkinson of the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London. But he added that "it is not fatal to the military effort."

Bahrain's decision follows protests in several Arab countries against possible air strikes. Many Arabs fear the raids would kill civilians already suffering



USA Today Photo
In addition to receiving little support from US allies in the Gulf, domestic opinion on the war is varied, as can be seen from this photo of protestors at Wednesday's Town Hall

under some seven years of U.N. sanctions.

There is also a belief among many of Iraq's neighbors that President Saddam Hussein doesn't represent the same threat that he did in 1990, when Iraqi

tanks rolled through Kuwait and reached the border with Saudi Arabia.

And there is anger in Arab countries at the United States for what many see as Washington's refusal to press Israel to be more forthcoming in Middle East

peace talks.

"The destruction will be on the Iraqi people," said Ibrahim Merhi, a columnist with the el-Khaleej newspaper in the United Arab Emirates. "They will be the only loser."

Walid Kazziha, a professor at the American University in Cairo, said Arab states are simply not convinced that Saddam is "a threat to their sovereignty or the status quo in the Gulf."

Many of Iraq's neighbors are also worried that any serious attack could lead to a flood of refugees and instability inside of Iraq.

"The closer that you are to a country that could disintegrate the more cautious you will be," said Gerald Segal of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London.

Hopkinson added that Arab countries may fear that "once the bombing is over and the allies go away Saddam Hussein will still be there" and will be looking to settle scores with those who supported any U.S. strike.

Iraq on Monday warned Kuwait that it would "bear the consequences" if it allows attacks from its bases.

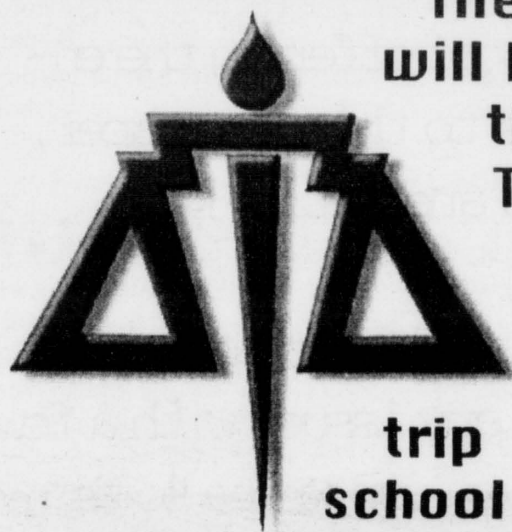
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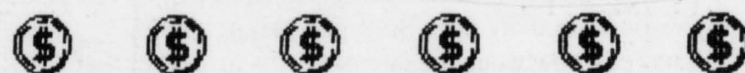
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Mansfield Activities Council needs reforming

Each year, Mansfield Activities Council (MAC), receives its budget from the Committee on Finance just as each funded organization does. MAC is expected, just as each funded organization is, to keep track of their money, and understand that the allocation must pay for the second semester of the year as well as the first. Just think if the Flashlight were to print papers which were extravagant in nature (ie- color photos, heavier paper, gold leafing on the flag, etc.), and then not have enough money to produce any papers in the second half of the semester. This would be unacceptable.

Students pay an activities fee for a reason: they expect activities throughout the year. What if the Student Government Association were to virtually cease all activity after the winter break, more than one eyebrow would be raised. So, the question is raised: where are all of the MAC events this semester? We at the Flashlight would just love to hear the explanation to this one, and would gladly print the information to enlighten everyone who wants to know where MAC went. Every other organization has continued on, into the second semester with adequate funds. Is the reason based in COF allocations? Are you not getting enough money? Even if you felt the funds allocated to you were insufficient, you still did spend around \$30,000 dollars on a concert whose audience could be described as sparse at best.

This is not good. Then, just when you it couldn't get any worse, word we get in the Flashlight office is that there will be no spring concert. This is even worse. Unless MAC starts to spend their money wiser, Mansfield University students will continue to get screwed over. There is no reason for the MAC events to be so pitifully attended. It stems from the seemingly obvious fact that MAC is not getting the activities which appeal to the widest number of MU students. In short, MAC is not doing their job, and that needs to change. The only way that it will change though, is if the students of MU get off of their apathetic asses and make their voices heard. However, that seems about as likely to happen as getting a good concert from MAC.

A solution to the problems which MAC seems to have had happening since the Live concert is a simple one: get better acts. Get your fingers on the pulse of MU. Save enough money for the second half of the semester. Most importantly though, you need to listen to what the masses want, not necessarily what the executive board wants. Perhaps you have already begun to change, and this editorial is way off base, but we don't think so. If we are wrong, we are glad. If we are right, then students wanting to be entertained would be better off drilling holes in their toes than attending a MAC sponsored event. It is a sad state of affairs, ladies and gentlemen, when students are excited about Mapfest.

Letters to the Editor Policy

The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is unwilling to take responsibility for the letter's content. So, why should we?

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Commentary

Editor in Chief chastizes rowdy faculty members

Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

Let me begin by stating that the people at the bookstore are really, really nice. In last week's commentary, I discussed the ludicrously high prices charged for books at the bookstore. I did not, however, clarify that the employees of the bookstore do not set the prices. They have nothing to do with the wallet-rape that occurs when students go in to buy their books. I can speak from personal experience at how accommodat-

ing the employees are, but I also know that they don't decide that some piece of crap handout wrapped in a binder should be \$65.

That being said, I would like to address last week's reception for Dr. Halstead. For starters, I was impressed by the amount of attention the entire thing received from everyone on campus. People from all walks of the university turned out to welcome him and his family.

The radio station, Giant 89, provided periodic live coverage of the

event and interviewed just about everyone. Many of the campus organizations were represented, and the Halsteads must have gotten the impression that we are a united campus.

I also must mention the stirring ovation President Kelchner received when he was acknowledged for his service. Every person in the place got up and gave him the recognition he deserves. And it is in the shadow of the dedication and respect Kelchner gives everyone that I bring up the next point.

I was embarrassed last Friday at Dr. Halstead's reception by the lack of respect and courtesy of some members of the faculty.

While Dr. Halstead or Lewis Lee were speaking, faculty shuffled about and made it damn hard to hear in the back of the room. I noticed this problem but didn't realize how bad it was until several people, both faculty and students, recommended that it be mentioned.

Sure, everybody acted like southern belles while they were in front of Halstead, but many had no idea what it meant to be as quiet as possible as a courtesy to others when they were away from him. Do we need to hire Halstead as a baby sitter so we can make sure you guys behave?

I talked during the speeches. But I talked quietly as did many others in the audience.

Some people had little regard for others and spoke, quite negatively at times, about Halstead.

And yet there are others in the faculty who choose not to cooperate with students because they think the students are rude. Amazing, isn't it. It's kind of the same thing as hearing that Batman thinks Superman looks ridiculous in a cape.

And the worst part is that some members of the faculty who couldn't be nicer to students will think I'm writing about them while the ones I am writing about are so oblivious that they don't even notice.

In the past I have been critical, sometimes perhaps pushing the line a bit when it comes to the faculty and admin-

istration, but it has gotten pretty bad. When people in all different segments of the campus population comment on poor behavior by people who are supposed to be setting an example, things have gone too far.

Sure, there are still going to be students who lack the decency of saying "Hi" to professors, but that doesn't make the same behavior right for the faculty.

Some faculty members are so smart that they don't understand what it means to be decent to their students. They think we owe them for being here. As I said, the majority of the faculty deserve a lot of respect for sticking around here and giving themselves to the students, but others just don't get it.

I have interviewed many members of faculty and administration and have spoken with even more of them. Many of the people who I have personally criticized in this column have gotten over it and have gained my respect just as I hope I have gained theirs—I hope.

Luckily, I have never had a member of faculty who would not talk to me. Some have spoken strictly off the record, but they have taken time, so I don't know what I'd do if someone refused to talk to me.

I would consider whether or not they are the type of person who just does not talk to the media or if they are the kind of grouches who just don't respect students. After I considered that, I would plan my next course of action.

I might walk out of his or her office saying nothing because I'm biting my tongue.

But I doubt it.

I would probably tee-off on them so bad that I look like the same caliber child as my victim.

Or I might realize rationalizing with the person would make me feel like a three-legged cat trying to bury turds on a frozen pond and walk out pissed.

For now, I hope some people read this and accept the fact that they could be nicer to students and treat their pupils as they would like to be treated. That way, we can discover whether or not courtesy is contagious.

Clinton caught in own trap

special to the Flashlight

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an era of relative peace and prosperity, President Clinton hasn't had much practice in serving as commander-in-chief, or in preparing the nation for war, even a one-sided one.

Thus, as he seeks to generate public support for possible military action against Iraq, he's been using some of the same interactive techniques he used to sell his domestic and social policy, with varying degrees of past success.

He even borrowed a line from Hillary Rodham Clinton's efforts to observe the millennium: remembering the past and imagining the future.

That's not a bad slogan for us when we deal with more sober, more difficult, more dangerous matters," Clinton said in Pentagon speech Tuesday. He said those like Iraqi President Saddam Hussein "have neither remembered the

past nor imagined the future."

Today's sales installment was a town-hall meeting in Columbus, Ohio, presided over by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Defense Secretary William Cohen and national security adviser Sandy Berger.

Clinton is promising Americans clear answers, but his efforts so far have produced a lot of doubters.

In last month's State of the Union address, he said to Saddam: "You cannot defy the will of the world."

You have used weapons of mass destruction before. We are determined to deny you the capacity to use them again."

But Clinton on Tuesday added qualifications: "Let me be clear: A military operation cannot destroy all the weapons of mass destruction capacity." Instead, he said the strikes would leave Saddam "significantly worse off than he is now" and that subsequent raids might be needed.

If that was Clinton's line in the sand, it appears to be a shifting one.

US crisis with Iraq looms

by **Walter Mears**
AP commentary writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — This is a looming crisis without a crisis atmosphere. The aim is clear, curbing Iraq's Saddam Hussein and his arsenal. So is the means, air strikes. But the end is blurred.

There's no deadline for air strikes against suspected Iraqi weapons sites, a threat pending for weeks while negotiators tried to prod Saddam into reopening them to unrestricted U.N. inspections. At this point a possible attack is not days away, the administration says, but not months either.

The objective, the administration says, would be to diminish or to retard Iraq's ability to develop and deliver weapons of mass destruction, something short of denying Saddam that capacity for good. President Clinton had talked that way, but later said the mission would be to reduce or delay the ability.

And that means that is no assurance Iraq couldn't do it all again, even after raids the administration says would be substantial and sustained, not punitive strikes like those staged earlier in the long struggle against Saddam.

Clinton's plan to use warplanes unless diplomacy causes Saddam to relent has been discussed in Congress, but without action and without urgency. The House and Senate are in recess this week.

So it became a TV talk show debate, with the administration deploying its foreign policy and defense officials amid a televised array of supporters and skeptics.

Congressional leaders left town after issuing statements of support for action against Iraq, if it comes to that, and there will almost certainly be a vote of support for Clinton's use of air power.

But the wording may well be tempered, and short of the proposed backing for whatever action Clinton deems necessary and appropriate.

George Bush narrowly gained congressional approval for the Persian Gulf War against Iraq just before it began, and welcomed it as an expression of support although he'd said presidential powers permitted him to act without it.

The Senate vote to authorize the use of force to drive Iraq from Kuwait was the closest on such a question since the declaration of the War of 1812. Since World War II, votes before combat have been the exception.

The last time Congress dealt with backing for a Clinton-ordered over-

seas mission, it was to Bosnia, for peacekeeping, and the measure pointedly said the president could "fulfill his commitment" to send troops.

His commitment is now a U.S. commitment, with some 8,000 Americans still there, a force to be further reduced but to stay in Bosnia, Clinton having conceded that he was wrong in setting a June withdrawal date because the job of securing the peace won't be finished.

Iraq is different, of course. It isn't a question of time, but of means, mission goals and where it all ends. Those points are blurred, despite the insistence of administration officials that the mission is clear.

The target certainly is — Iraqi weapons and suspected weapons sites, to deal with Saddam's defiance of U.N. inspections he agreed to accept 7 years ago to end the Gulf War, defeated but defiantly in power.

He had balked periodically, stirring the present crisis on Oct. 29 by ordering U.S. members of the international inspection team out of Iraq, and later, by declaring some sites off limits to inspectors.

The inspections were ordered in the first place so that Iraq could not rebuild an arsenal of weapons of mass destruction.

Full, unrestricted access for the inspectors is the only way to insure it now, Defense Secretary William Cohen said, and the administration will not accept less.

Clinton and his high command are explaining and, effectively, campaigning this week in support of the prospective air raids. The public opinion polls report majority backing for punishing Saddam, but those surveys don't factor in the casualties of war, to U.S. fliers or to civilians in Iraq.

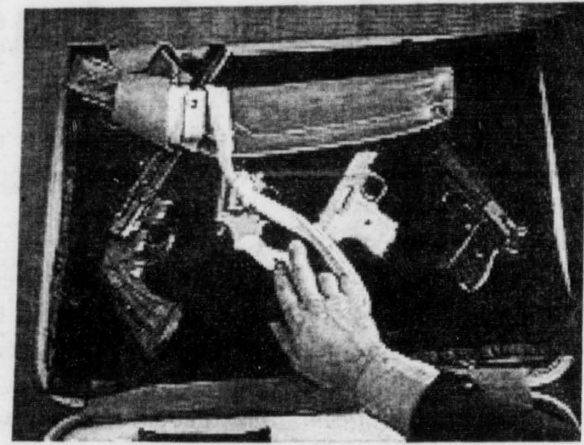
The president speaks to civilian and military officials at the Pentagon today. Cohen, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Sandy Berger, the White House national security adviser, will appear Wednesday in a televised town meeting from Ohio State University.

But they won't be able to promise a final answer even if it does come to air war on Iraq. Albright told a Senate hearing that there would be new strikes should Iraq absorb a first round and later reconstitute its biological and chemical weaponry.

No quick, permanent solution. As Cohen put it in 1990, when he was a Republican senator:

"History is littered with the bones of optimists and soldiers who thought they were headed for a short war."

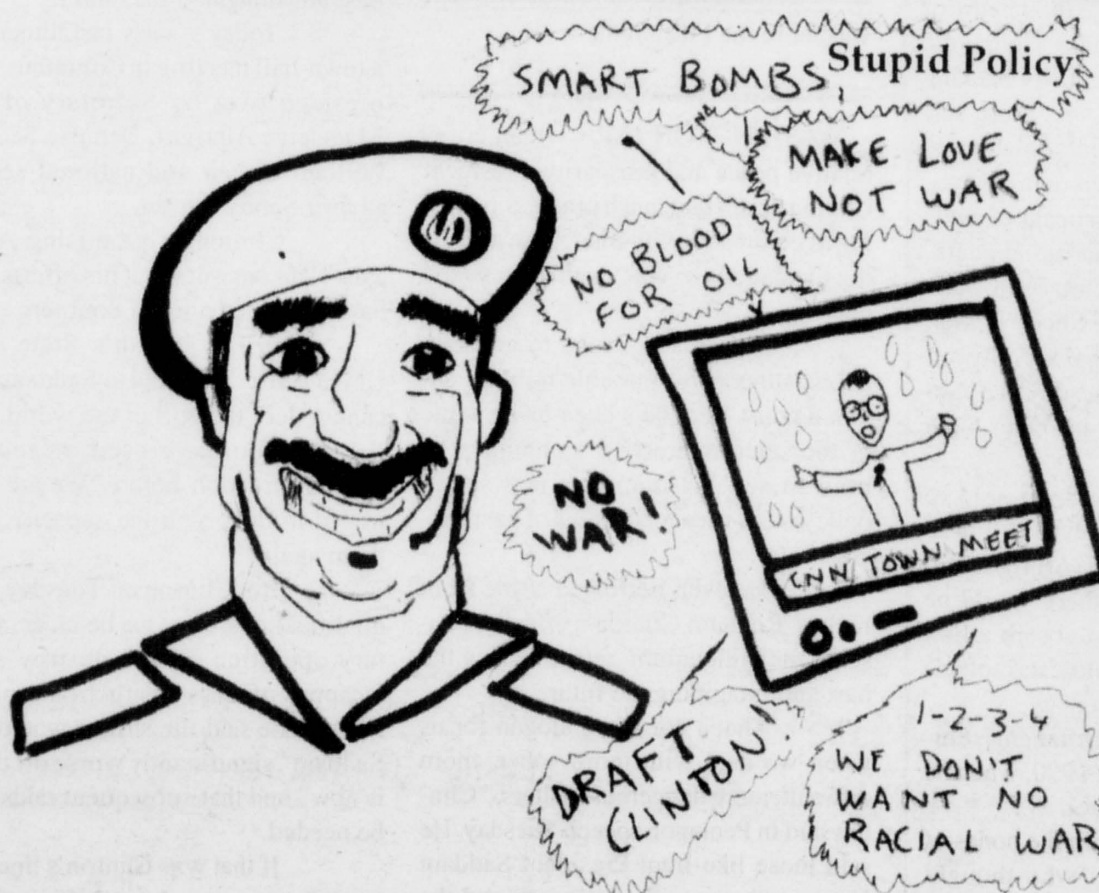
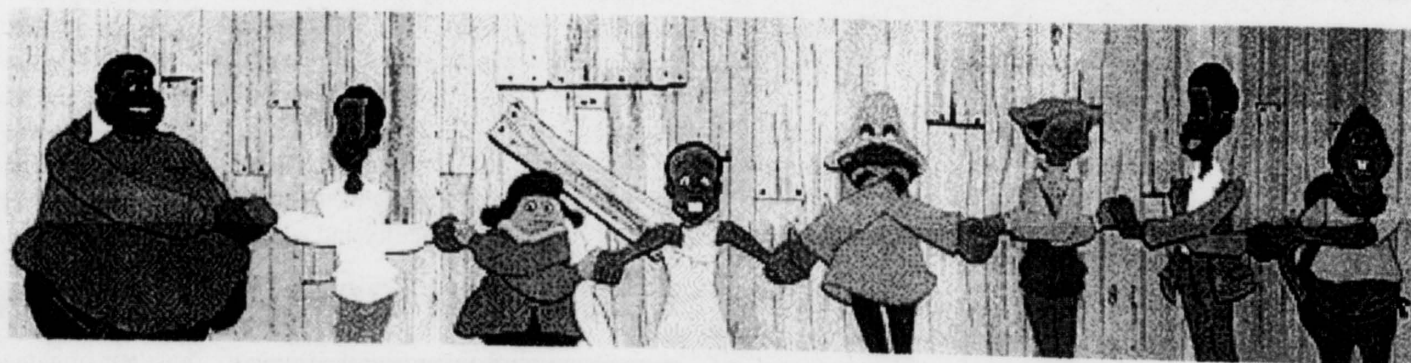
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Travis Bickle*

MANSFIELD FOLLIES: THE LAST GAME



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J E R I A T R I C J U M B A L Y A

Boyz II Men releases their greatest accomplishment yet

by Eric Healy
staff G-clef

The Boyz from Philly are comin' at ya once again with their latest release, "Evolution". Boyz II Men has certainly evolved into one of the greatest groups of all time. "Evolution" is by far Boyz II Men's greatest accomplishment. The album demonstrates the growth and maturity that each member has achieved. "Evolution" has the potential to vamp six or possibly seven hits. Those are numbers that are unheard of in any genre of music, let alone R&B. Boyz II Men casts a beacon of light upon the entire music industry. They have made their presence known and have grown to gigantic heights. Of course, it doesn't hurt to have Babyface and Sean "Puffy" Combs produce nearly half of their new album. As expected, Boyz II Men represent mostly on the R&B tip. However, there are a few dance tracks on the album. As I listened to "Evolution", I couldn't help but notice the sorrowful opening



cover provided
Look for six new hits off of "Evolution" by Boyz II Men.

tracks. They deal with the loss of a lover and the re-

covery that must take place. Boyz II Men provides sound relationship advice that dips into the inner walls of your heart and forces you to face the brutal reality of a broken relationship. With "II", Boyz II Men's second album, they proved themselves as a solid mainstay in the R&B industry. With "Evolution", Nathan, Shawn, Michael and Wanya have rocketed into super stardom. As I stated before, Boyz II Men have proven themselves as one of the best groups of all time. "Evolution" is a masterpiece. For this tremendous effort, I award Boyz II Men with a perfect 5 bombz.

Bombz Scale:

- 1 - Don't even consider this garbage.
- 2 - Several major flaws, lack of vision.
- 3 - Solid all around album yet lackluster.
- 4 - Outstanding album but has one or two minor flaws.
- 5 - Excellent album, no flaws.

(Editor's note: Eric "G-clef" Healy will be giving you all of the dirt on Mase's debut album "Harlem World" in two weeks.)

Our continuing fun and adventures in Chicago on Halloween

by Josh Cusatis
beaches editor

(Editor's note: This is the second installment of the column that began on Feb. 6.)

ZZZZ.

The whole story doesn't get interesting until two days later. "Why did you tell us all of that other stuff then?" you ask. The answer is simple. I felt like it and since you've decided to read this then I guess you're just going to have to deal with it.

Halloween was Friday that year and Hunter, Sarah and I spent four hours in the hotel room, prepping ourselves with beer and whatnot before we decided to discover what the Chicago night life had to offer us.

Hunter comes walking into the room after

having gone to get some ice and throws a suitcase on the bed.

"I went to the car to get the party favors."

"Oh, boy!" And with that Sarah is hopping up and down on the bed with handfuls of the favors. A half-laughing, half-singing voice echoes out of her mouth while other things are going in. I walk over and grab a handful of "secret funnies" and proceed to make a niche in the universe for myself one more time.

Hunter starts building a mock lab on the desk next to the TV and I moved over to the window of the room which was on the thirty-seventh floor with a beer and a cigarette. As I looked out over the city I had no idea what it would give us in the way of an enjoyable evening but I knew that the 2 jokers I was with could do their part.

Normally, Hunter was the one that would make the decisions but with Sarah along he was will-

ing to concede all power to her. I never did understand any of that.

"Oh, ya big galoot!"

Funny... real funny.

We spent about forty minutes in the back of a taxi looking for someplace that might be suited to our tastes. To pass the time we angered about three hundred costumed, drunks by screaming at them and throwing things out the window. For some reason, the cab driver didn't seem to mind. Course, Hunter was sitting directly behind him which might have had something to do with his passivity. It was going to be a good night.

All of a sudden, Sarah screams, "Driver 8! We've found our destination!" Hunter opens the door and falls out with Sarah and myself behind. The taxi, which never actually stopped, speeds off into the distance. I guess we didn't have to worry about a tip.

(Editor's note: Come back in two weeks!)

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Mountaineers split with exciting finishes

by Jason Feather
sports editor

Two exciting finishes with two opposite outcomes this week for the Mansfield Mountaineers men's basketball team is the way you could describe their games with Binghamton University and East Stroudsburg University.

Last Saturday, the Mountaineers blew a 21-point second half lead, but rallied on a Tommy Harvey 3-pointers at the buzzer to beat the Binghamton Colonials 85-83.

Behind Harvey, who scored 16 of his 22 points in the first half, Mansfield built a 48-22 halftime lead, and increased it to 59-38 on a three-pointer by Shaud Broyles with 17:20 to play.

But Binghamton would rally to take an 83-81 lead on a 3-pointer by Andre Verkey with 1:36 remaining. A

made free throw by Harvey and two missed free throws by Binghamton's Brian McCulley gave the Colonials an 83-82 lead with :14 to play in regulation. After denying Mansfield a shot for the final 10 seconds, Harvey launched a 21 footer as the clock struck :01 to give Mansfield the victory.

Broyles led the Mountaineers with a game high 24 points while Rich Miller added 15. Harvey recorded a double-double adding 10 assists to his 22 points.

Nital Spiro led Binghamton with 21 points.

In a battle for their playoff lives, the Mountaineers traveled to East Stroudsburg trying to improve their playoff hopes against the Warriors.

It was a game you hated to see either team lose, but one that someone had to. Unfortunately the Mountaineers came out on the short end of the stick, in a 71-70 overtime heartbreaking loss

to the Warriors.

Spencer Poulson hit a foul line extended jumper with 2.4 seconds left in the extra frame to lift ESU to the victory.

The Mountaineers couldn't get much of anything going in the first half finding themselves down 18-5 through just the first seven minutes, and 31-20 at the halftime break.

The defending PSAC champions would battle back in the second half, trying to keep their playoff hopes alive.

With less than five minutes left to play in the second half, the Mountaineers overcame ESU and took a seven point lead.

The Warriors came back to tie the score at 60-60 at the end of regulation. After ESU built an early five point lead, the Mountaineers, trailing 69-66 with just over a minute left in the overtime, saw their floor leader Harvey drain a three from NBA range to tie the score

at 69-69.

Bryan Zardez hit one of two free throws with :14 seconds remaining to give MU a 70-69 lead before Poulson hit the game winner.

Mansfield was unable to get a shot off in the final 2.4 seconds.

Freshman Demontrick Doddles led Mansfield with 21 points while Steve Shannon and Tyson Pye had 13 each. Harvey finished with 12 points, eight assists and six steals.

Al Munford kept ESU in the game in the second half despite foul trouble. His game high 24 points led the Warriors to victory while Andy Ward and Chris Diller contributed 12 and 11 points respectively.

The win for ESU clinched at least a tie for second place while the loss forces the Mountaineers into a must win situation on Saturday afternoon against West Chester University (see related story).

Mountaineers face West Chester for final playoff spot Saturday

by Jason Feather
sports editor

"A win and we're in!" That's the thought that the Mansfield Mountaineers men's basketball team will be taking with them to West Chester this Saturday for the finale of regular season play. If they lose, the Mountaineers season will be over, and gone will be the

chance to defend the PSAC championship that they won last season.

The defending PSAC champions need a win against West Chester Saturday afternoon to get the chance to defend their title in the PSAC's championship tournament.

In a game in Decker Gymnasium back on January 24, the Mountaineers defeated West Chester 83-65 on the strength of Tommy Harvey's 24 points.

This time though, the Golden Rams have the home court, and their very own playoff lives at stake.

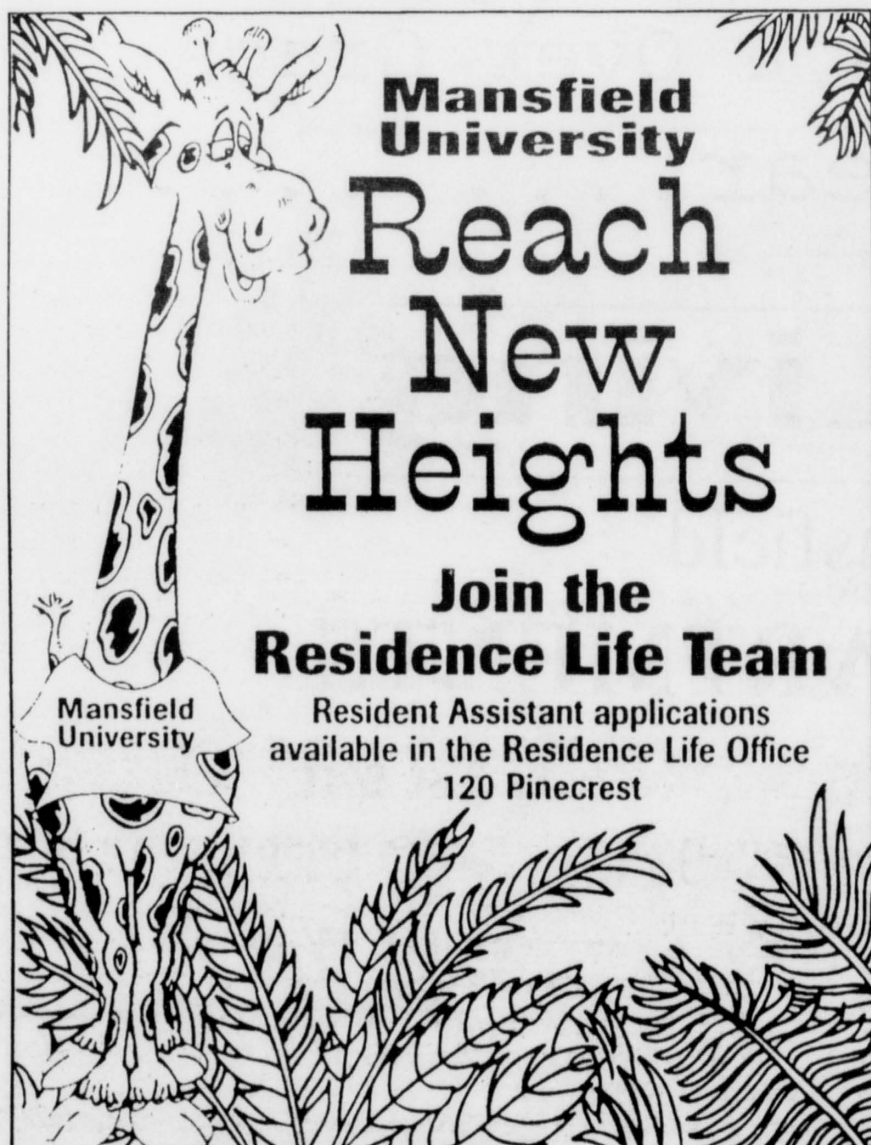
West Chester, who gave top-ranked Bloomsburg their lone conference loss in the first half of the season, will be celebrating their 100th year of men's basketball on Saturday, and a win over the Mountaineers will give them even more reason to celebrate.

Tyariq Corbin, the PSAC

Rookie of the Week last week, and Donta Evans lead the Rams on offense along with Eric Worley and T.J. Zanin.

The Mountaineers are led by Harvey's 16.5 points per game, which is ninth best in the conference.

Juniors Tyson Pye (11.5 ppg and 6.8 rebounds per game), Steve Shannon (9.3 ppg, 6.2 rpg) and Shaud Broyles (10.7 ppg) contribute to the Mountaineers offensive mix.



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Monkiewicz named field hockey coach

Press Release

Diane M. Monkiewicz, a former assistant coach at The University of Iowa and The Ohio State University, has been named head field hockey coach at Mansfield University. The announcement was made Wednesday by director of athletics Roger Maisner.

"After conducting a national search, the selection committee decided that Diane would be the candidate most likely to continue the field hockey's program rise at the NCAA Division II level," Maisner explained. "We're pleased to have her with us. She brings a wealth of successful experience at the NCAA Division I level and is a proven recruiter of quality student-athletes."

A member of The University of Iowa field hockey team from 1980-83, Monkiewicz led the Hawkeyes to four Big Ten championships. In 1982 and 1983, the Hawkeyes participated in the NCAA Tournament. She was the team captain her senior season.

Monkiewicz began her coach-



photo provided
Mansfield University Athletic Director Roger Maisner named Diane M. Monkiewicz the new head coach of field hockey.

ing career at Archbishop Carroll High School in Radnor, PA, where she led her teams to four league championships and three undefeated seasons (1991-93). Seventeen of her Archbishop Carroll

players went on to continue their playing careers at the NCAA Division I level.

Recently, Monkiewicz served as an assistant coach at Ohio State from 1994-96. The 1994 Buckeyes earned a spot in the NCAA Tournament, the team's first-ever appearance. While at Ohio State she was the assistant director of the summer field hockey camp.

"In July of 1997, Monkiewicz returned to her alma mater as an assistant coach.

In addition she has organized numerous camps and seminars including the United States Field Hockey Association's coaching clinics. She served on the USFHA's Board of Directors from 1984-88, where she was the chair of the membership committee.

Monkiewicz received her bachelor's degree in Physical Education and Dance with a Sports Marketing specialization from Iowa in 1984.

Monkiewicz replaces Vickie Sax, who accepted the position as head softball coach at Colgate University, at the helm of the Mountaineer program. In 1997, the Mountaineers posted a 9-7 overall record and were ranked fifth in the NCAA Division II South Region.

Mountie women's basketball falls twice

by Jason Feather
sports editor

In their final non-conference game of the season, the Mansfield University Mountaineers traveled to Binghamton University in hopes of upsetting the Colonials, who entered the game at 19-2 overall.

The Mountaineers, who out shot and out rebounded Binghamton, couldn't overcome 34 turnovers in dropping an 81-64 decision to the Colonials.

Binghamton's tough pressure defense, forced the Mountaineers to turn the ball over 34 times while they connected on 19 of 24 free throws to pull out the victory.

Junior Lauren Martin led the Mountaineers with 13 points with Colleen Doherty and Marisa Davis each adding 11.

Senior guard Jill Masker, the Flashlight's Co-Athlete of the Week, broke the school's career and single-season record for three pointers made. She surpassed Sarah Barr's mark of 128 "3's" in a career, and Stacie Cook's record of 58 in a season.

Karen McClelland led Binghamton with a game high 16 points.

On Wednesday night, Mansfield made a road trip to conference foe East Stroudsburg University's Koehler Fieldhouse to play the Warriors in a PSAC East match up.

The Mountaineers again plagued themselves with turnovers (25), and were out rebounded 55-38 on the glass.

Mansfield also hurt themselves shooting the ball, going 17 of 56 for 30% from the floor while ESU was 33 of 77 (43%).

The Warriors out scored the Mountaineers in the second half 53-28, and were able to get everyone of their players into the scoring column.

Mansfield (1-24, 0-11 PSAC East) was led by Masker's game high 17 points with fellow senior Jackie Williams contributing 10. Moser collected eight boards to go along with her nine points before fouling out at the 7:50 mark in the second half.

ESU's Michelle Geiger led the Warriors with her 16 points and 10 rebounds, while Amanda Buss added 14 points and seven rebounds.

The Mountaineers travel to West Chester for a Saturday matinee.

Golden State. In return, the Sixers acquired forward/center Joe Smith and guard Brian Shaw.

In another deal, the Sixers dealt the Terry Cummings to the New York Knicks for center Herb Williams and another player.

Finally, Rony Seikaly was dealt to New Jersey along with Brian Evans for three players. This deal only took place after a deal with Utah fell through when Seikaly failed to show by the scheduled reporting time.



photo provided
Senior Jill Masker entered school record books last Saturday against Binghamton.

NBA trade deadline forces teams to move quickly

by David B. Pascal
sports features reporter

Earlier in the semester I reported about three or four deals that were in the works for NBA star point guard Damon Stoudamire.

It took a deal with a little bit of a different look to unload Stoudamire. The Portland Trail Blazers gave up guard Kenny Anderson, guard Alvin Williams and forward Gary Trent. The Blazers got Stoudamire, and forward/guard Walt "The Wizard" Williams.

At this point, my opinion stands to be correct. I think that the Blazers

made out in the deal. Right now, Kenny Anderson is MIA, and won't show again until he is dealt.

That happened on Wednesday, when a 7-player deal went through with Boston for rookie guard Chauncey Billups and others. Also, the Raptors' doctors have reported that Alvin Williams has a slight knee injury as well.

On Portland's side, Walt Williams is a high quality player, with many attributes, and Stoudamire's abilities speak for themselves.

The Philadelphia 76ers made a blockbuster trade this week finally getting rid of Clarence Weatherspoon and sent Jim Jackson along with him to

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President's mansion shares a rich MU history

by Josh Cusatis
features editor

Imagine, almost 78 years ago there was a tin can and wire telephone strung up between the president's house and North Hall.

The first Mansfield University president to live in the president's house was Dr. William Ringgold Straughn. It was in this house that his sons grew-up.

"His sons used to sleep in the room that has no heat just to see how much of the cold they could take," said Rod Kelchner, MU's current president.

"His wife used to give them hot water bottles to keep their feet warm and by morning they would be frozen solid. The room still doesn't have any heat but

I've never tried sleeping out there."

Kelchner said that in the 78 years that the house has existed there have only been two changes to it.

"There hasn't been anything too dramatic happen to the house," Kelchner said. "There used to be a pantry in the kitchen but in the 20's that was changed into a table area for the kitchen and a bathroom. There was also a door added to the outside on the north wall. That's about it."

Kelchner also added that he has only been a part of minor cosmetic changes to the house.

"I think we (Kelchner and his wife, Joan) had the wallpaper changed twice in the 14 years we've been here," Kelchner said. "Dr. Park (another past



photo by Josh Cusatis

This is the west side window of the livingroom. To the right is the foyer and the front door to the mansion.



photo by Josh Cusatis

This is the east wall of the dining room. The dining room is on the North Side of the house and is where a door to the outside was added. This is one of the two dramatic changes to the house in its 78 years.

MU president) wanted to put a patio off the door in the north wall which is probably a good idea but we never got to do it."

Kelchner said that past presidents used to choose students to live in the upstairs rooms of the house.

"I think Rathgeber (another past MU president) was the last president to do this," Kelchner said. "Students used to get to live upstairs for free and in exchange the women would do housework and the men would do things like be chauffeurs."

Kelchner said that the house

has hosted some very important people in it's time.

"Eleanor Roosevelt stayed here in the late 50's," Kelchner said. "Muhammad Ali also stayed here when his name was Cassius Clay and Vincent Price. We've had some senators and governors stay here too."

Kelchner said that before the president's house was built the president still lived on campus.

"Before this setup, they lived on the first floor of North Hall," Kelchner said.

Kelchner added that it's tradi-

tion for the president of a university to live on the campus.

"The president is expected to supervise the students," Kelchner said. "Of course, over time that idea has been diluted and the president isn't the one that does the supervision anymore."

There used to be other members of the faculty that used to live on campus.

"The dean of men used to live in South Hall and the dean of women used to live in North Hall," Kelchner said. "I guess someone decided that wasn't necessary anymore but we do still have something like that with the GA's

that's provided by the school but it's about a half mile from the campus," Kelchner said.

"The president of Penn State just moved back about two years ago. In the 60's, the president moved off because of the political unrest on campus."

Kelchner said that, in the 78 years that the house has been in existence, he is the tenth president. In order from first to last:

1914-36 William Ringgold Straughn.

1937-39 Joseph F. Noonan.

1939-41 Lester K. Ade.

1941-43 Willis E. Pratt.



photo by Josh Cusatis

This is the opposite side of the living room fireplace in the enclosed patio. "I always thought that this room was addition to the house," Kelchner said. "It has actually been part of the original house."

living in the dorms."

Kelchner said that not all universities follow this tradition.

"The president of Cheney doesn't live on the campus and the president of Lock Haven lives in a house

1958-63 Lewis W. Rathgeber.

1964-68 Fred E. Bryan.

1968-77 Lawrence Park.

1979-83 Janet L. Travis.

1984-98 Rod Kelchner.

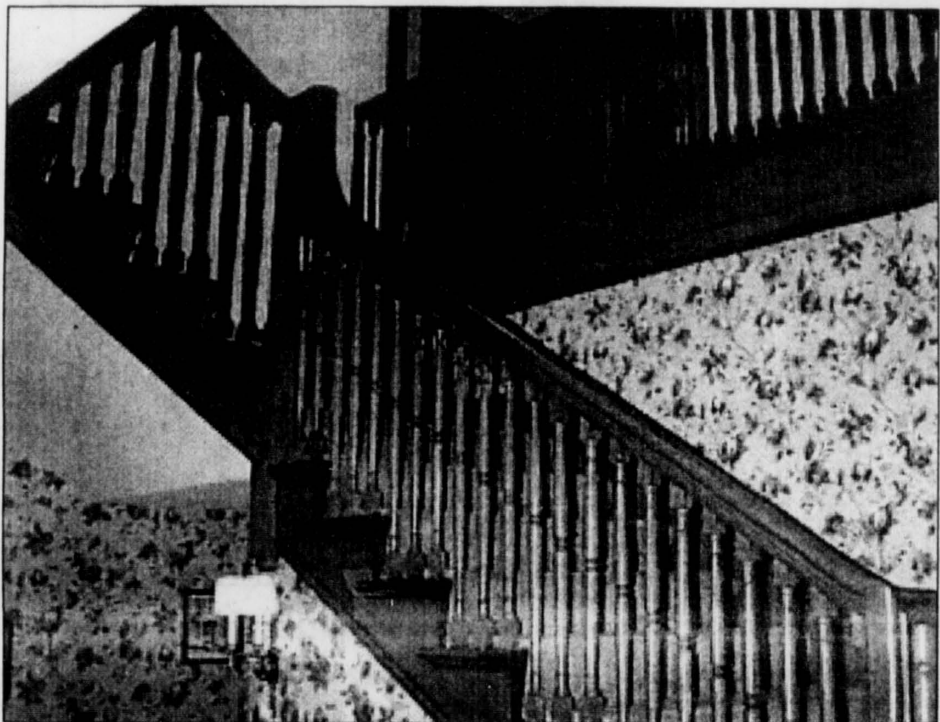


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This is the den in which Kelchner has his in-home office. There is a safe in the wall that is no longer used except by Kelchner's grandchildren

Mansfield Calendar of Events

Saturday- 2/21/98 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. MENC/Orff workshop
3:00 p.m. Mark Kellog Clinic in Steadman
8:00 p.m. Mark Kellog Euphonium Recital

Sunday- 2/23/98 3:00 p.m. Fine Arts series: Mary Hannigan and Barry Hannigan flute/piano
8:00 p.m. Conductors Concert

Tuesday- 2/25/98 1:00 p.m. Ebony Discussion Hour in Martin Luther King Center

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Flashlight

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Faculty Senate adds new courses, classes

by Josh Cusatis
features editor

At yesterday's regular Faculty Senate Meeting 20 changes were made to Mansfield University's courses and course descriptions.

Among these changes was the addition of a pre-law minor to the course catalog which will include classes from the philosophy, psychology, communication, and political science departments.

"Big things are happening in pre-law," said Dr. Stephen Bickham, MU chair of the philosophy department. "For the first time ever, there are four positions at Widener College-Harrisburg Law School."

The addition of this minor will help the four students per year that are guaranteed acceptance to Widener College for law.

"For MU grads, they have to have a 3.0 GPA and a median or above

in the LSAT," Bickham said. "Anybody can minor in pre-law now."

Also approved was the addition of a sports nutrition major.

"It signifies a wider offering of programs," said Rustin Kreider, MU, senior, computer science major. "My concern is staffing problems and whether they can support those offerings."

Among the other changes approved was the drop for the Business Administration, Business Administration - Accounting, Business Administration - Marketing, Economics, and Theatre majors from 128 credits for graduation to 120 credits.

"This may not be the best idea because students may miss out on a good education," Kreider said.

Among the other changes were changes in the names of courses, changes in the course descriptions and additions of new courses in the Business Administration, Art, and Philosophy departments.

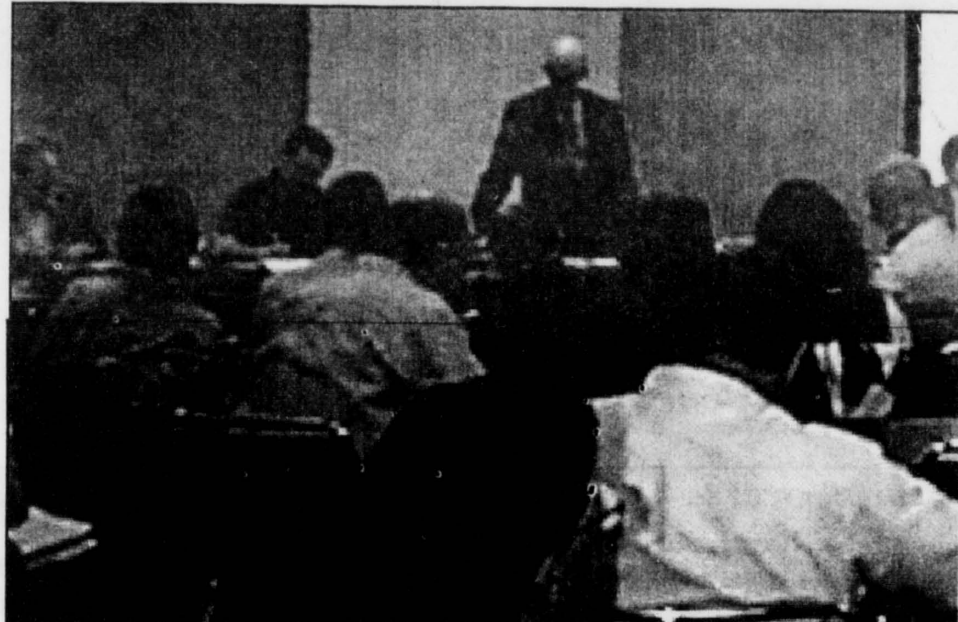


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Members of the University Faculty Senate gathered Thursday afternoon. Topics discussed include changing courses and adding new classes and majors. The Faculty Senate approved the addition of a sports nutrition major.

Women's Week ends with lecture on stereotyping

Thomas A. Jones
Wire Editor

The latest installment of the Women's Arts and Culture Events was a lecture entitled "June Cleaver to Gloria Steinem, Images of Women in the Media," held in North Manser Dining Hall on Wednesday, March 25.

The lecture was hosted by the



photo by Thom Jones

Allyn Van Deussen hosted a lecture on women and the media. The lecture was the final event in the week-long Womens Arts and Culture Week.

MU Women's Studies Program and was delivered by Allyn Van Deussen.

"I grew up in the sixties," she said. "These are the images that we all saw."

Van Deussen proceeded to explain the conflicting images presented to women through the last few decades as seen in the media. These images often created identity problems for women, who were forced to choose which path to follow. Sexual, intelligent, subservient to men were all images the media portrayed women as being.

"One of the most powerful men in the entertainment business had an image of what we should be," Van Deussen said.

Van Deussen was speaking of Walt Disney and his image of femininity. She showed the audience a film clip from the film Cinderella in which Cinderella was celebrating the beauty of her dress.

"Starting in 1962," said Van Deussen, "there was a new image to aspire to."

Van Deussen referred to another film clip, this one showing Ursula Andress, the first Bond girl. Ursula Andress was shown as being strong and beautiful, but also still serving men.

She said that this caused

women to think about what they should be.

"After World War II these contradictions became more intense," Van Deussen said. Women that stayed at work instead of returning to the home were viewed as unpatriotic by the press.

The 50's images were of happy housewives, said Van Deussen. The image of a strong woman, like Alice Kramden of the Honeymooners, disappeared and was replaced by the like of Donna Reed, Father Knows Best, and Leave it to Beaver.

In a scene from Leave it to Beaver, she analyzed the significance of June Cleaver's actions when she was interacting with her husband. Cleaver comes into the room and asks Ward about the home. The implications of the scene are that 1. the Beaver only confides in his father 2. the husband runs the money of the family and 3. She can't understand mechanical devices.

"Women were becoming more educated," said Van Deussen. In 1961 38% of women 16 or older had a job. This was in contrast to the conservative attitudes TV held toward women.

"TV continued to be conservative about women's roles," said Van Deussen. "But cracks were beginning to

form, even though the double standard remained powerful in the 60's."

In the 1960's there were two new genres of TV that were prevalent. The first type introduced was the western.

"11 of the top 25 shows in the 60's were westerns," she said. Westerns like The Rifleman were noted for their lack of women. Most of the women portrayed were bad. The implication was that women couldn't handle the rigors of the wild west.

The second type of TV show contained what what said Susan Douglass called "Mutant Women."

"Mutant Women" are able to embody the many contradictions in women's roles. I Dream of Jeannie and Bewitched were examples of these "Mutant Women."

"By '68 women started to create their own images and use their own voices," said Van Deussen, referring to the incident in Atlantic City when women protested the 1968 Miss America Pageant.

Prof. Lynn Pifer closed the lecture and reminded the audience of the next Women's Arts and Culture Event. It will be held Monday, March 30 in the North Hall Art Exhibit area beginning at noon.

Ladies and gentlemen: let's get ready to RUMBLE!!!! Body slamming action tonight in Decker as WWWA comes to town

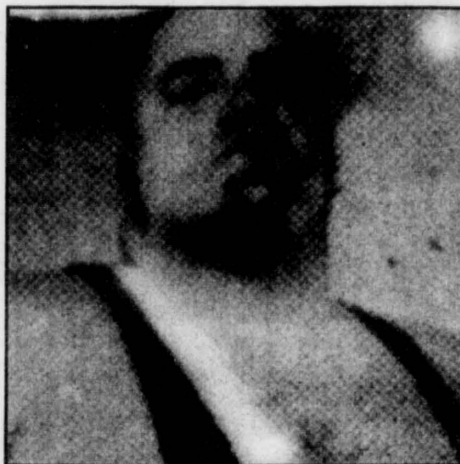


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King Kong Bundy, who has wrestled Hulk Hogan and others in his career, will be at MU tonight.

Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

Mansfield University students who can't get enough of the bloodsport of professional wrestling on television can have an added dose tonight as the Mansfield Activities Council sponsors a night of wrestling in Decker Gymnasium.

World Wide Wrestling Alliance, in conjunction with MAC, will begin the spectacle at 7:30 pm.

The event includes such wrestlers as King Kong Bundy, Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka, Mr. USA Tony Atlas,

Nicolai Volkoff and other wrestlers.

Along with the main event, attendees can expect a Battle Royal match in which several wrestlers enter the ring and fight until one man remains, and a female wrestling match.

Although the card is subject to change, spectators can expect at least one title match.

MU students who spend their nights watching the World Wrestling Federation and World Championship Wrestling have been eagerly awaiting this weekend since it was proposed months ago.

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Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka, another legend of professional wrestling, will be in Decker.

Campus Voices

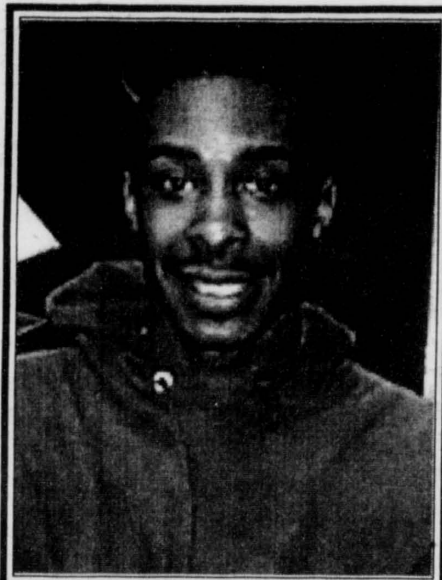
"Did you have any problems withdrawing from classes?"

by Gene Yager & Katie Evans



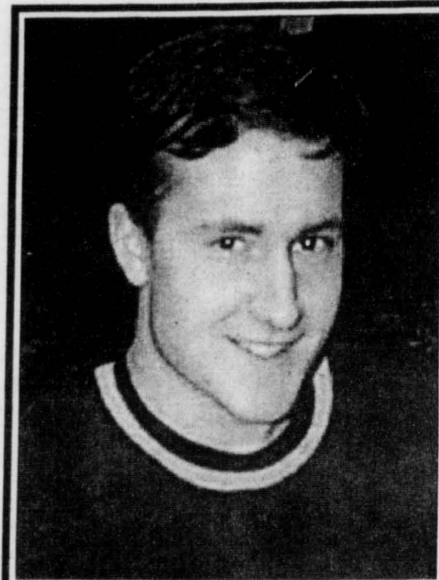
Angie McKee
Junior

"I haven't had a problem. I don't like to withdraw."



Christopher Marror
Junior

"No."



James Moyer
Junior

"No, I didn't think so. I didn't hear anything about it."



Heidi Hook
Freshman

"I think there is plenty of notice."

from *wrestlers*, pg 1

David Hensel, an MU junior, attended the last professional wrestling match MU hosted two years ago.

"I think this one will be better because there are bigger names," he said.

The MU community hosted a professional wrestling match in the Spring of 1996 with wrestlers like Hercules Hernandez and Jim "The Anvil" Niedhart.

Tickets for the event have been on sale for weeks but are also available at the door on a first come, first served basis.

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3/3/98

19:45 University Police investigated a report of a burglary in Laurel Residence Hall.

21:20 Subjects playing basketball got involved in a verbal dispute which developed into a fight outside the fitness center. A vehicle was damaged in the confrontation. Charges pending.

3/4/98

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11:00 Unknown person(s) entered Decker Gymnasium and took a Makita slide compound saw owned by Mansfield University. Item can be easily recognized as M.U. property.

Anyone with any information relative to this incident should contact the M.U. Police Department at 662-4900

3/17/98

02:00 University Police are investigating a sexual assault that occurred. Victim is a student and reported that the suspect is known to her.

3/22/98

10:25 Vehicle belonging to a university student was damaged while parked in the East lot. Anyone with information please contact the University Police at 662-4900

23:15 University Police are investigating an alleged sexual assault. Victim is a student and reported that the suspect is known to her. Charges are pending the completion of this investigation

15:50 Complainant reported that his and his girlfriend's clothes were stolen while they slept.

3/25/98

09:00 Vehicle parked in T parking lot was damaged by unknown individual(s). Incident under investigation.

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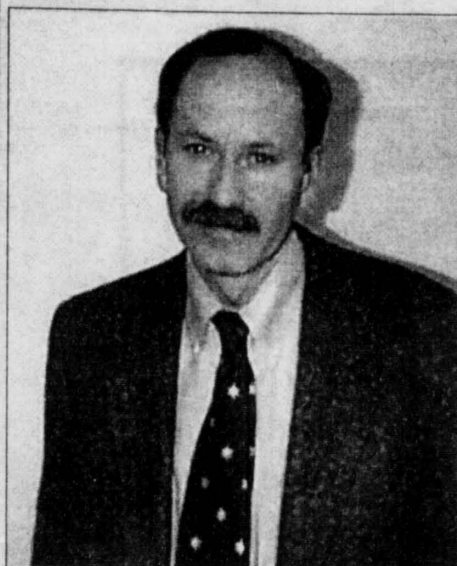


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On Thursday, March 26 John J. Capowski from Widener University, School of Law spoke to students about the programs available from Widener to Mansfield students. These programs include: the 3 + 3 Admissions Program, which allows State System students to earn both a bachelor's degree and a juris doctor degree in six years instead of the usual seven; the Express Admission Program, for which students with certain meeting certain minimum qualifications are guaranteed admission. Anyone interested should talk to their advisor.

Student government discuss constitution

Nine article document reviewed annually

Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

Mansfield University's Student Government Association tackled the job of reforming their constitution at Monday night's meeting in Memorial Hall.

Senators spent a majority of the hour and a half long meeting amending their constitution before agreeing to table the reform until next week. Many of the changes addressed minor wording, such as "SGA" and "the SGA", but they also changed wording related to running for executive positions.

SGA reviews the nine article document annually, making necessary changes in the hope of improving their leadership.

Senators also learned that the Board of Trustees discussed a proposal that 10 community colleges have accepted which would waive the application fee for students transferring to Mansfield University. Transfer students would also be eligible for a scholarship worth as much as \$500.

The SGA committee responsible for reporting on progress with the Endless Mountains Transportation Authority was notified that Ben Shaw, the person responsible for reporting to SGA, was no longer employed by EMTA.



photo by Lisa Carpenter

SGA advisor Joe Maresco (left), and senator EJ Gallagher engage in a post meeting discussion

"Ben Shaw is no longer with EMTA," SGA advisor Joe Maresco said. "He has gone into his own business."

Senators considering going to the Board of Student Government Presidents convention were notified that there would only be a limited number of senators attending, due to possible budgetary concerns.

Rob Thomas, SGA senator, found it sad that SGA doesn't have the money to take more senators.

"It's unfortunate that we have to limit the number of senators going to BSGP due to foolish funding of other

organizations all semester long," he said.

Before closing the meeting, SGA discussed the list of comments by students gathered during a scheduled session at the desk in Lower Manser. Maresco, who described the process as "nondescript", suggested senators find out more about the students' ideas.

"To try to resolve something, you need to understand their concern," he said.

SGA meets every Monday night in 204 Memorial Hall at 9:00 pm. The meetings are open to the public and students are encouraged to attend.

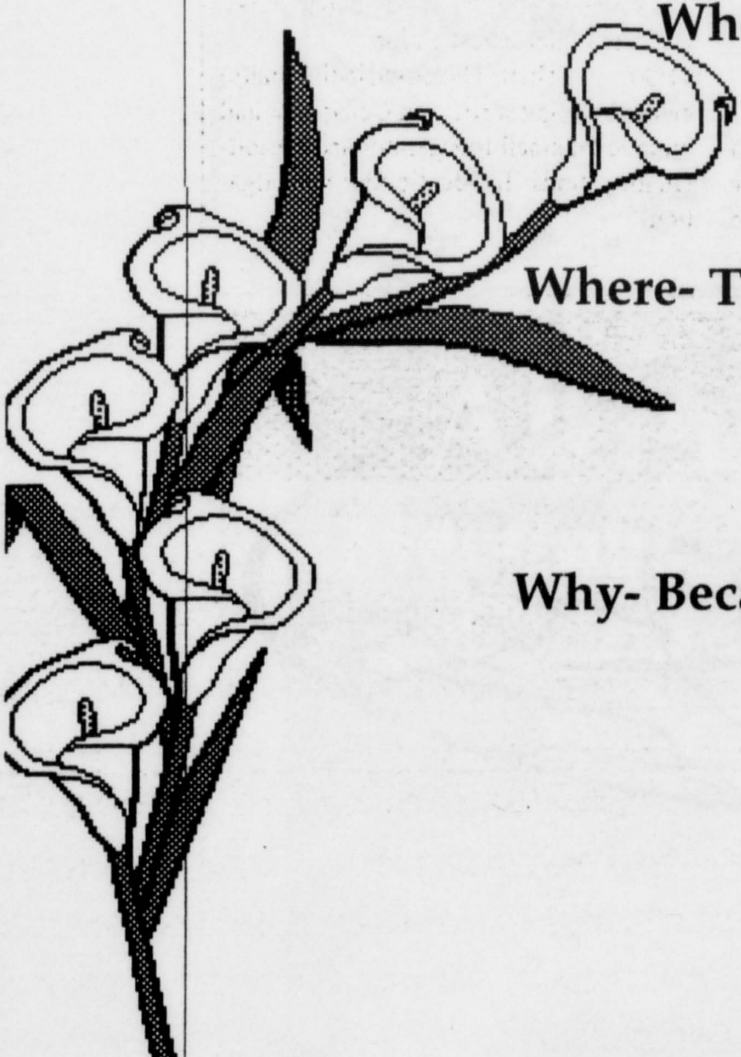
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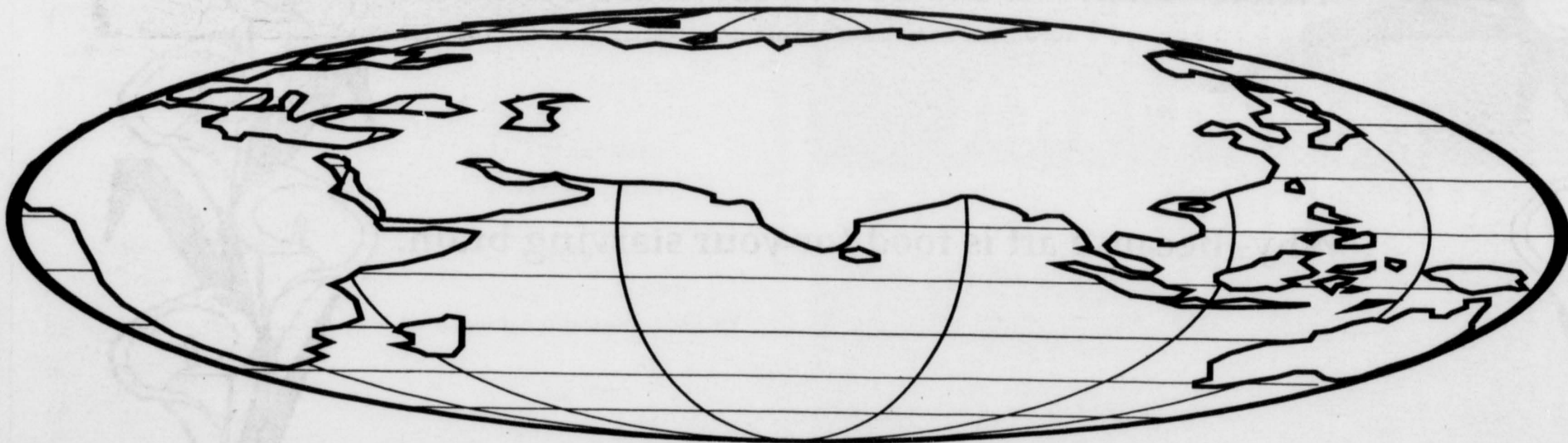
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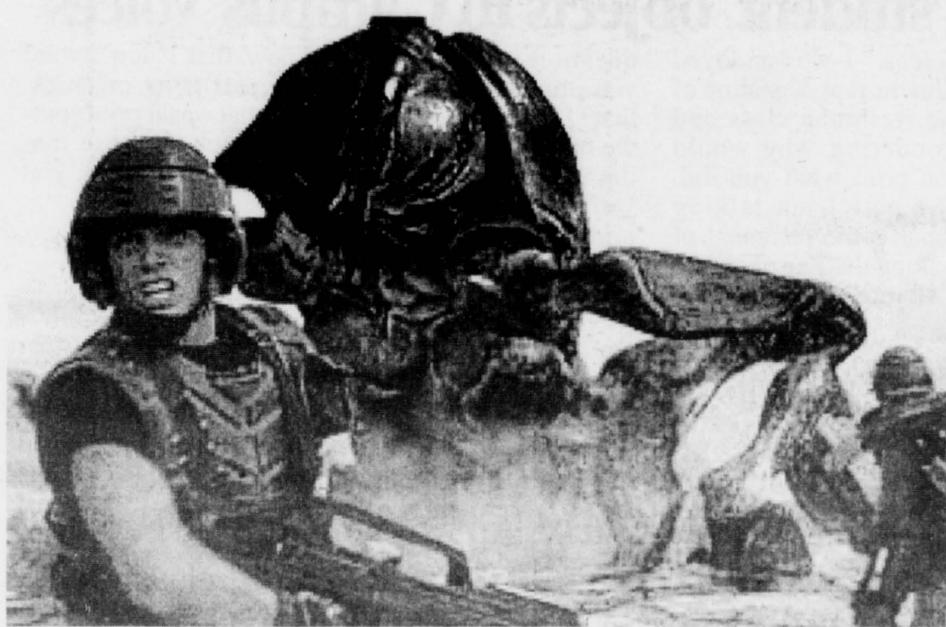


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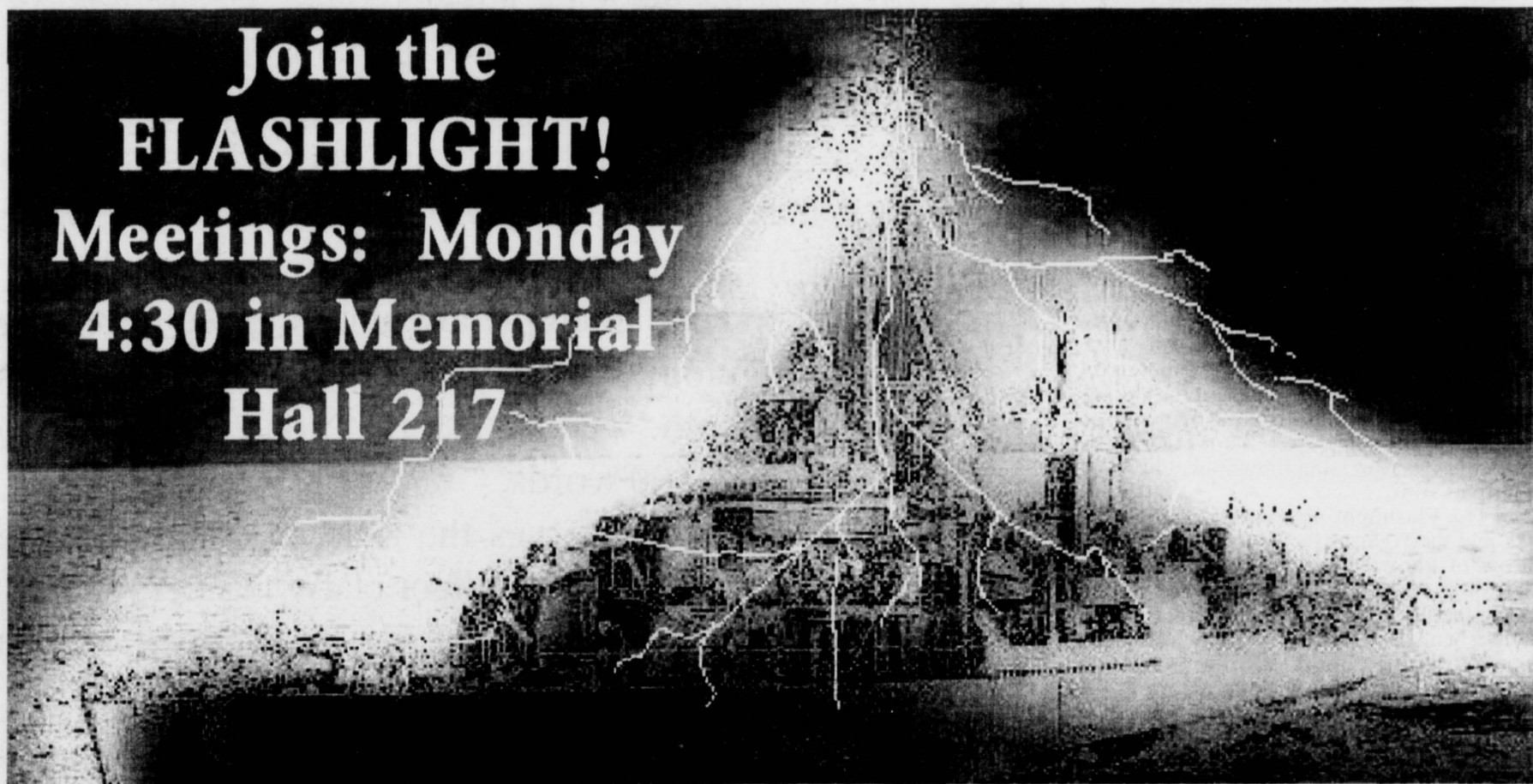
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Spring has sprung

The sun is shining. Spring is technically here. It is the rutting season for the bull moose. Students are not particularly feeling like they want to go to class. They would rather go outside, soak up the rays, glory in the beauty of nature. Well, not going to class is something that the Flashlight would not endorse. What we here at the Flashlight would advise is cutting out the time that you spend watching television or on the net chatting.

Spring is upon us. Now is the time to neglect Jerry Springer and go forth in search of the perfect whiffle ball game or find the best sun tanning spot or simply be outside. The fresh air invigorates, it gives one that little extra something. There is no substitute for showing off your convertible or road bike. For the less fortunate, spring is the time to kick off the chains of winter. It is time to venture forth onto the greening grass in seek of betterment. See anything by William Wadsworth.

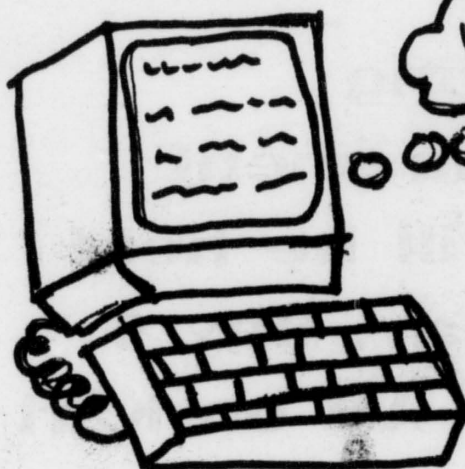
If you need a suggestion as of what to do with this beautiful weather, here's one: the bike trail. If you didn't know about this, there is a bike trail, which is paved with bridges and benches, that starts behind BiLo and goes for about three or four miles to the dam. Go for a walk, jog or do what the name implies, ride a bike. Either way, it's great exercise.

Another good idea is the park above Butler Center. There is a pavilion, benches and fire pits. Watching the stars around the camp fire is a good time that all the kids like just as much as their rock and roll. If one has never experience a blazing campfire under the stars, they should. It is a better date than watching Titanic. Guaranteed. Do not forget to find out from the cops if you can have a fire.

There are tons of activities that one can take part of during the daylight hours as well. The Mountie baseball team is nationally ranked. Go watch a game when the Mountaineers are at home. Or go watch a softball game. The Mountaineer women are doing a great job this spring, too.

If you would rather participate than watch, there are lots of things you can do, too. Go outside and play horseshoes, have a barbecue. Play tag. Get in tune with your wild cave-man side. Chill out with a big grilled hamburger slathered with sweet relish and mustard. Gluttony outside is much better than feeding your face with doritos in your room. All one needs is a friend with an apartment off campus and something flammable to cook over. And for those over twenty-one, a chaise lounge and a margarita is not such a bad idea (as long as you are off campus). If you are not of drinking age, a glass of iced tea would suffice for the margarita. A tape of Jimmy Buffet island music would be of great help as well.

The Flashlight also endorses open air classes and the right to feel the sunshine upon the brow of knowledge. Seriously, there are better things that one can do than sit inside watching the idiot box. If you are an absolute hard-core bent on a perfect 4.0, the sun gives you an extra little boost. Going outside is healthy. Don't pay to tan, soak up nature.



Disgruntled student objects to Campus Voices

Dear Flashlight,

I am a second semester freshman here and I am writing to express my opinion on last weeks edition. The section that I want to comment about is the Campus

Voices. I was annoyed with the representation of the freshman class and wondering why would you print what you did. The part I am talking about is the comment of making the Zanzibar into a striptease club. My

question is why would you print something like that? I know that I am not the only person that feels this way. You sit there and you print ads for people to join the flashlight and I was considering joining until I read that section. I

know that I don't want any part of an organization that would print opinions such as those that were given. Thank you for our time.

Patricia Culbertson

Commentary Policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary may turn it in to the *Flashlight* office by 5 PM. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writers name, major, class, and phone number. Nonstudents are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.

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The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is unwilling to take responsibility for the letter's content. So, why should we?

In order to perserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

The *Flashlight* reserves the right to condense or edit your letter for the sake of length or clarity. Letters should be typed and double spaced. They can be dropped off at the *Flashlight* office, 217 Memorial Hall.

Commentary

Editor calls for observance of personal holidays

Darren. Meehan
editor in chief



New schedule revision for next semester: Saturdays and Sundays will be incorporated into the class week along with all holidays and religious observances.

If you are Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, black or any other cultural or religious persuasion, you cannot observe any of the holidays and holy days. No more days off for students who want to go home and celebrate Easter with their families.

And if you think that taking your own days off is your right, you're wrong. Somebody in Castle North Hall is afraid every student is going to take every holiday from Christmas to Grandparents day for their own personal pleasure.

I think the administration here thinks that the students aren't mature enough to make these decisions on their own. It is as if we were all in a big day care center and we need written excuses to be absent.

And I know that most professors allot a day or two for unexcused absences but it isn't enough. Missing school on Good Friday should not count at all against any students or professors. And if an African-American student wants off for Martin Luther King, Jr. day, they should be entitled to it without question.

Didn't we fight for our independence over two hundred years ago so we could freely observe those things we find important?

If a professor needs more than two days off, they don't need to run all around looking for this letter and that. But when students need extra time off, they have to visit the Godfather wherever he is and beg for permission.

I am lucky that I my professors this semester have not required me to get University excuses for my absences. I can only imagine walking into whatever

office and asking for the necessary paper work and having some secretary stare at me until I felt like Ralph Wiggum declaring that "my cat's breath smells like cat food".

Although not all secretaries are like it, some of them can make a 23 year old adult feel like an incompetent moron. You know the type: you walk into an office unsure of the necessary procedures needed for what you have to do and somebody makes you feel more stupid than you already are.

And I'm sure it's difficult for them to have students walking into their offices and asking vague questions and stuttering and stammering like Cheech and Chong. Hell, some students really are ignorant and deserve an attitude in return for their snot-faced attitude (I know snot-faced is kind of childish but isn't the rudeness these students display just as immature?).

Anyway, if I want to go home and observe Good Friday and the rest of the Easter religion with my family and others close to me, I should be able to do so guilt and punishment free.

"Instead of watering down everything we celebrate, why can't we get together and celebrate together."

Darren Meehan

But in today's society, I should be careful not to offend anyone by proclaiming my opinion and announcing my heritage, right?

Wrong.

I think President's Day is a very important national holiday and should, along with days like Martin Luther King Day and the Fourth of July, be observed in unity as one nation.

But it is hard to do anything anymore because you always have to worry about offending anyone.

We were considering creating a cartoon this

week containing Hitler and completely bashing him but didn't because we'd have to face some freak who got offended not that we were making anything "Hitler" funny, but because it was offensive to a pro-Hitler sect of the population.

This is what our country has come down to: a nation of individuals afraid of creating a common bond with a neighbor because they don't want to offend someone else.

Having consideration for another person is one thing but when consideration means not being able to be yourself, there is a problem. Over winter break, I watched the South Park episode where the kids produce a holiday pageant and was amazed at how accurate their humor had become.

The Jewish people were offended at the Christians and the hippies were mad at the Christmas tree killers and the fat kid was mad at the son of a bitch and...

Well, you understand my point. I think instead of watering down everything we celebrate, why can't we get together and celebrate together. I don't think many students would mind if Christmas, Chanuka and Kwanzaa were all celebrated here.

In fact, it might promote some more diversity among the community. What does nothing for morale is taking away every holiday and making it seem like we should be crucified alongside Jesus because we want to go home a day or two early and spend the entire Easter Sunday with those we care about.

And is it such a bad thing when a Jewish student or faculty member wants to observe and celebrate their holiday seasons? No. What is wrong is trying to prevent people from celebrating what is important to them.

This perversion strays so far from the original intentions of the revolutionaries and everyone else, from MLK to Moses, and only hurts us in the end. Someday we will have to be around people of different heritages and religions. Wouldn't it be nice if we knew something about them?

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Knowing when you've hit rock bottom and the joys of red lights

by Josh Cusatis
camel light

Chapter 1

"It's about time you turned that damned thing out!"

"What's your problem? Red light is supposed to be good for you. And anyway, if it isn't, it's still pretty cool."

"Your a damned bastard and your out to kill me!" There were some times that I hated Hunter so much I could have paid for him to burn in Hell. But, all that aside, he was my roommate.

"How do you know, Cocko?"

"Oh, I know. I can see it in your eyes and I know about the weapons under your bed!"

"Keep it the *\$+ down or they'll start pounding on the walls like they always do. As for my eyes, I've got an astigmatism and keep away from my bed."

"Astigmatism my ass."

And that was that. Same as we always did. Scream and draw blood and then we'd split a fifth of tequila. To tell the truth, the red light didn't really bother me that much. It was just the pressure of sitting in on a Saturday night and watching six hours of "Cops" had become a little too unbearable. Considering that it was around 40 below outside before the wind chill and all of our friends were too stupid to throw a brouhaha. Still, anything would have been good. I needed to cause a little mayhem in the worlds of our friends.

That was basically they way we worked. Hunter was a little bit acid and I was a little bit base. We would clash

and have our Ph balance confrontations and then we would collectively wreck havoc on the psyches of our friends and acquaintances.

"Dude, take this," Hunter said reaching over the lounge chair.

"Man, I just lit up a cigarette."

"Then get over by the *\$+ing window, Jesus."

"Alright already." I never understood why I had to stand by the open window when all the smoke came in anyway. The dumb thing is that Hunter started smoking himself a year-and-a-half later.

"Are you done yet?"

"I just started."

"Well, come on. Put your shades on. We're going out."

Finally, a chance to let the bars of monotony snap a bit.

Chapter 2

It wasn't midnight yet when we strolled on into Bob's flat to take control of the place and strip him of all his dignity. I never understood why he continued to associate with us but he was amazingly loyal. I guess he was just glut-ton for punishment.

"Man, I've told you before. You can't smoke in here," Bob beamed at me in a queer, 70's cop show manner that wasn't very becoming of him. "You know my roommate doesn't like it."

"What ya got to eat in the fridge?" I replied.

"None of your *\$+ing business! Well, I guess you can have a beer."

"Dude," Hunter blurted. "For the sake of the public good, put the cigarette out."

"Okay," I decided and threw the smoke into the sink. I then proceeded to sit down at Bob's computer and take over his paused video game while he and Hunter plopped down in front of the TV and Hunter began to berate and belittle Bob.

"You're such a moron."

Running around mazes and blowing people up can give you quite a bit of time to think about the things that really matter in life. You discover that you really have no idea where the hell you're going but it doesn't matter. You can just waste some blips on the screen and, sooner or later, you'll realize where you are and be happy.

"*\$+ing damned it!" I here in Bob's voice destroy the air from the living room. "My roommate just pulled into the driveway."

No time to ponder life's subtleties from the mailing end of a flame thrower. If Bob's roommate finds us in here we're going to wish we got hit with a hydrogen bomb.

"Quick, out the back door!" and Bob practically threw us down the stairs.

As we made our way out in the dark, which wasn't helped much by our sunglasses, we could here Bob's roommate screaming about there not being anything in the fridge to eat.

"Well," Hunter said. "Looks like we're off."

Chapter 3

Since we had no other recourse, we went to the coffee shop and got a cup but I absolutely hate fluorescent lights. They burn your skin and suck the life right out of you. You can actually feel it.

I begin to feel like I've been examined by aliens in an abduction after having spent a couple of hours underneath them. Hunter agreed that they were not doing us much good, at least not as much as the red light, so we left and wandered down the street a little where we took a load off at one of the public benches.

"You know," Hunter disturbed the quiet. "We've hit rock bottom. Decades from now our respective grandchildren are going to run up to us as we're sitting in the garden in Arizona and they're going to ask us how you know when you've hit rock bottom. And we'll be able to tell them."

"Really?" I thought. Then, in my best dirty old man voice. "Well, you see sonny. It's like this. When you're freezing your balls off, wearing sunglasses and all you can read on the sign across the street is 'RANT.' That's when you've hit rock bottom."

A collective laugh can do a lot for the ego.

A couple of minutes later a car speeds by and splashes slush up from the gutter and all over us.

"You *\$+ing communist bastard!" I screamed while Hunter threw a rock at the car. It didn't miss but he didn't do a lot of damage with it either and we watched as the car slipped off into the night like a dream.

We sat there and wallowed in our self-pity and slush for about a half hour before Hunter pierced the silence.

"My ass is wet."

"There's road salt in my coffee."

"Well," Hunter said. "Looks like we're off."

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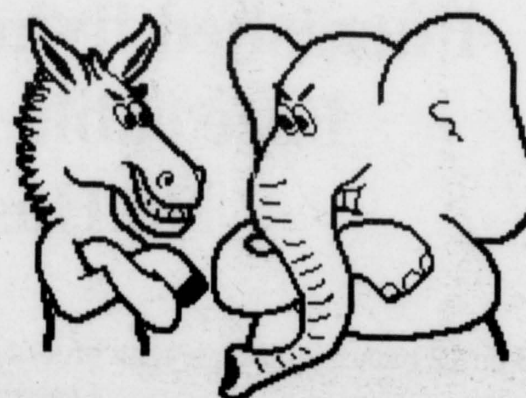
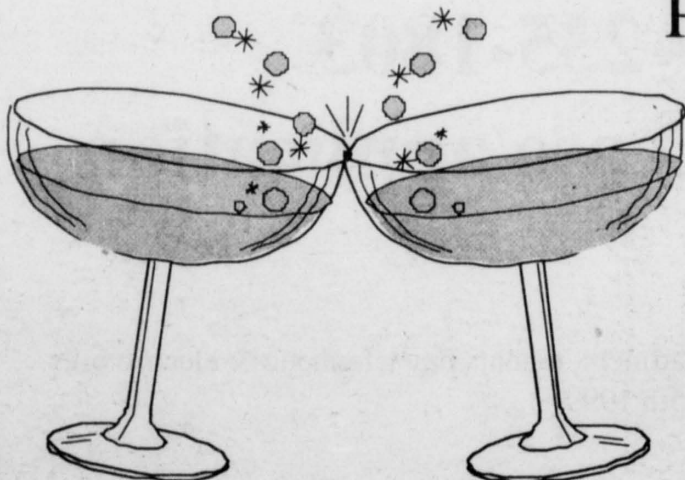
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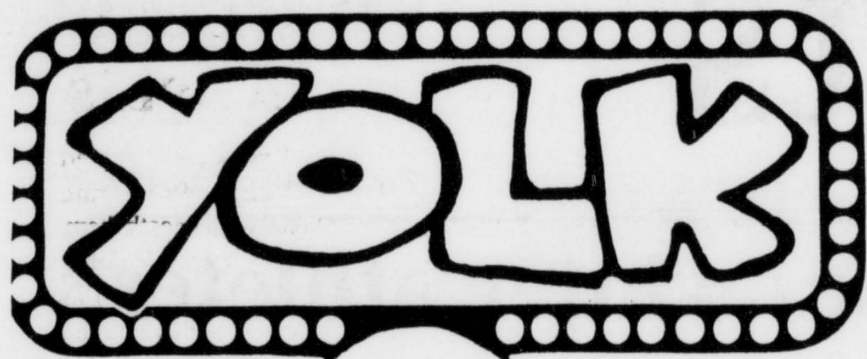
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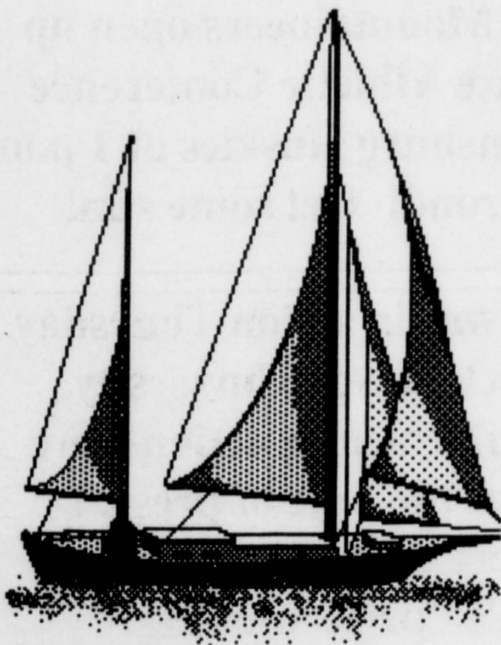
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Friday, March 27, 1998

Athletic Department honors winter athletes

by Jason Feather
sports editor

Tommy Harvey, who ranked among the conference leaders in seven categories, and Jill Masker, a record setting member of the women's basketball team, have been selected as 1997-98 Winter Athletes of the Year. The presentation was made last week at the Winter All-Sports banquet.

"First of all, I think it was a tremendous honor for Tommy," men's head coach Tom Ackerman said. "It was truly a season in which there were a number of deserving candidates."

Harvey was one of the most productive players in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference this season. A starter in all 25 games for the Mountaineers, Harvey led the team and ranked eighth in the PSAC in scoring with a 17.0 points per game average. In addition, he ranked second in the 14-team PSAC in steals averaging 2.4 per contest and third in assists dishing out 5.6 per outing.

"I was really surprised that I was chosen because being that I was a sophomore, I figured my time would come later on," Harvey said of his honor. "It just goes to show that my hard work really paid off for me."

Harvey also ranked fourth in



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Tommy Harvey and Jill Masker, pictured here with men's coach Tom Ackerman (far left) and Athletic Director Roger Maisner (far right) were both honored last week as the Mountaineers' "Winter Athletes of the Year" at an athletic department sponsored banquet. Harvey, a sophomore point guard, led the team in scoring, and also was among conference leaders in a host of other statistical categories. Masker, a senior guard, set two school records this past season for three-point field goals made in a season and in a career. She also led the team in scoring average per game and assists.

the conference in free throw percentage, hitting 79.8% of his attempts while his 2.8 three-point field goals per game was third highest in the PSAC. He was the sixth most accurate three-point shooter in the league hitting 40.9% of his shots. Harvey was named PSAC East Player of the Week and was twice selected to ECAC weekly honors. Selected to All-PSAC East honors for the second

straight season, the sophomore point guard was also runner-up in PSAC East Player of the Year voting to Millersville's senior forward Jamal Palmer.

There were some eyebrows that were raised, including my own, when the announcement of the all-conference teams were made two or three weeks ago. The reason being that Harvey was named to the second team

despite being runner-up for "Player of the Year" honors.

"I don't want to speculate on what might have happened because Jamal had a great season on a playoff team," Ackerman later said.

"I really don't care what the other coaches think about me," Harvey said. "As long as I know that my coaches, teammates and the people of Mansfield are behind me, that's all I need."

Masker was seventh in the PSAC in scoring averaging a team best 14.9 points per game. The team's leading scorer in 20 of 26 games during the season, Masker also ranked among the conference leaders in 3-point field goals per game (2.8) and 3-point field goal percentage (28.2).

"It was the best honor that I've had since high school," Masker said of the award. "I'm really glad that the university has recognized me with this honor. I think that we really worked hard this year to make the program better for the future."

Masker established school records for 3-point field goals in a season (61) and career (132) while leading the team in assists with 82. She ranks in the top ten in MU career scoring, 3-point field goals, assists and steals.

A poster-sized portrait of Harvey and Masker will be displayed in the lobby of MU's Decker Gymnasium during the year.

First-year boxer to compete in national tournament next week

by Jason Feather
sports editor

Not much is ever said about the Mansfield University Boxing Club, but now junior Pete Herchik has given them a little something to be proud of.

Herchik is better known for his talents on the Van Norman gridiron in the fall as a wide receiver/flanker for the

Mountaineers football team. The first year fighter took the silver medal in the NCAA Northeast Regional Championships last weekend.

With his second place performance, Herchik earned himself a trip to the national tournament which will be held on April 2nd in Lexington, KY on the campus of the University of Kentucky.

The first year fighter will travel with coach Dennis Garner to compete, and hopefully continue his success.

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The softball team was in action Thursday afternoon at Lock Haven University.
Results of the doubleheader action were not available at the time of press.
Check in here next week for Tracy Strupp's "prize-winning" coverage of the Lady Mountaineers!

Mother of the Year Essay

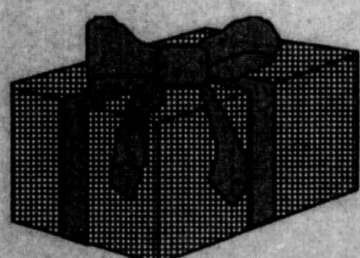
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Mountaineers open season against Bloomsburg

20th ranked Huskies come to Shaute Field for doubleheader this afternoon

special to the Flashlight

The Mansfield University baseball team retained their 15th place ranking in this week's national NCAA Division II Baseball Poll after posting a 3-0 mark at the Virginia Tournament last weekend.

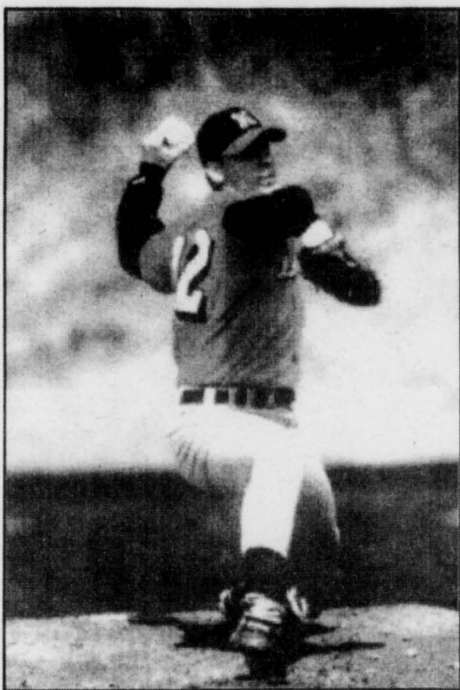
The 10-4 Mountaineers are scheduled to host 20th ranked Bloomsburg University Friday afternoon in a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m. at Shaute Field.

"I hope we can get a good turn out on Friday," Mountaineers head coach Harry Hillson said. "I've always said that we have the best baseball fans in the conference."

Hillson saw what he has been preaching all year in his pitching staff at the Virginia Tournament in Norfolk, VA. Starters Chris McGee, Chris Zallie and Tim Watkins were stellar in wins over West Liberty and a doubleheader sweep over Davis and Elkins College.

McGee improved to 2-0 on the year with a complete game one hitter against West Liberty. The junior right-hander fanned 13 while walking just one batter and improved his earned run average to a team best 1.00. On the season, McGee has struck out 32 hitters in 27.0 innings while walking five.

Zallie picked up his second win of the season by striking out 14 batters in just five innings in a win over Davis and Elkins. The senior left-hander has now struck out 28 in 14.1 innings pitched. Watkins went to 3-0



file photo

Chris Zallie, Mansfield's senior left handed pitcher, struck out 14 batters in just five innings of work in a 14-2 win over Davis and Elkins College last weekend at the Virginia Tournament.

with a complete game win over Davis and Elkins in the nightcap, scattering three hits while striking out eight. He has 27 strikeouts in 20.0 innings.

The biggest surprise of the season may be the play of the defense thus far. In their first 14 games, the Mountaineers have committed just eight errors for an outstanding .982 fielding percentage.

As expected, the Mountaineers have been strong on offense posting a .350 team batting average with an impressive 25 homeruns. All nine starters are batting .300 or better.

Seniors Scot Wilcox and Mike Mellott have been on fire, hitting .512 and .465 respectively. The former high school teammates have combined for 13 home runs and 40 runs batted in to date.

Trailing 1-0, the Mountaineers rallied for four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning after A.J. Hoenstine reached on a walk, Joe Skelly doubled and Wilcox slammed his eighth home run of the season.

Skelly was 4-7 with a double and RBI in the doubleheader while Wilcox added two home runs and six RBI's. Mansfield's two victories of 14-2 and 4-1 over Davis and Elkins upped their record to 10-4.

The day before saw Mansfield pull out a 2-0 victory over West Liberty (WV) State College.

The Mountaineers would score the only run they needed in the second inning when Wilcox led off with a walk and went to second on a single by Mellott. Wilcox then stole third and scored on a sacrifice fly to centerfield by Mike Marconi.

The Mountaineers open defense of their PSAC crown today with a doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m. against Bloomsburg University

Collegiate Baseball Top 25 Poll

Team	Record
1. Kennesaw St.	22-2
2. Tampa	22-8
3. North Alabama	22-4
4. Central Missouri St.	7-2
5. Delta State	19-5
6. SIU-Edwardsville	13-4
7. St. Leo	23-7
8. CS-San Bernardino	14-5
9. Alabama-Huntsville	17-5
10. Barry	23-10
11. Queens, NY	7-0
12. Georgia College & St.	17-11
13. Central Oklahoma	15-6
14. North Florida	20-11
15. MANSFIELD	10-4
16. Indianapolis	16-5
17. Abilene Christian	20-6
18. Florida Southern	20-11
19. Armstrong Atlantic St.	23-7
20. Bloomsburg	14-5-1
21. Fort Hayes State	15-5
22. Rollins	24-10
23. West Georgia	17-7
24t. Chico St.	15-7
24t. St. Joseph	13-4

Free agency, instant replay among topics discussed at owners meetings

by David B. Pascal
sports commentary

In the world of sports the NFL is making some headlines. Last week the Jets signed restricted free agent running back Curtis Martin to an offer sheet for 36 million dollars over six years. The Patriots were given one week to match the offer from the Jets. The Patriots declined to match the offer. The signing bonus received by Martin was undisclosed. New England received compensation of a first and third round pick for the 1998 draft from New York.

It has trickled down, that the Patriots will try to package up six picks in the first three rounds to move up in the

draft so they will be able to draft former Penn State running back Curtis Enis, who was just a junior.

This will replace the void left by Martin, and will provide them with some youthful legs. Martin was injured for a good portion of the 1997 season.

Sean Gilbert is in the news again.

He has reportedly signed a contract with the Carolina Panthers that will make him the highest paid defensive lineman in football. This for a guy who hasn't stepped on the gridiron in over a year.

As of this point in time Gilbert is still a Washington Redskin, but the teams are reportedly working on a trade to send Gilbert to Carolina. This is so that the Panthers will not lose any picks, due to the fact that Gilbert is a "restricted" free agent.

In off the field news. The owners and coaches met this past week to discuss the past, present, and future of instant replay. Upon further review the owners voted not to bring back instant replay.

I think it has it's ups and downs. I never liked the use of instant replay because it slowed down the game, and there was always an idea that every play should be reviewed. I also think that the officials in the NFL need to get their act straight.

I can think of many instances where the officials blew calls. Granted they are only human and everyone makes mistakes, but this is professional sports so lets make these officials professional.

Stop having 50-60 year old doctors and lawyers come in Sundays, and get some full-time officials who, if they get hit on the field, won't get carried off on a stretcher

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Special Report:

Guns in the school system

School ambush results in five deaths

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) — An 11-year-old boy accused with his 13-year-old cousin of shooting five people to death outside a school had been trained in target shooting, a family friend said today.

Four girls and an English teacher who shielded a student from the attack were killed in the ambush Tuesday outside Westside Elementary School. Eleven others — 10 students and a teacher — were wounded. Six people remained hospitalized today, one in critical condition.

Authorities didn't release the boys' names, but The Jonesboro Sun identified them as Mitchell Johnson, 13, and his 11-year-old cousin Andrew Golden. Detention hearings for the boys were scheduled for this afternoon.

Authorities continued to search for answers to how the boys got their weapons and why they attacked. Police said Mitchell, who had been jilted by a girl and made threats, and Andrew lured classmates out of school with a false fire alarm, then mowed them down with gunfire.

Andrew's father, Dennis, is a leader of a local gun club, the Jonesboro Practical Pistol Shooters. Both he and his wife are postmasters at towns near here.

Terry Crider, a family friend and fellow shooting club member, said today that Dennis Golden began taking his son hunting as a young child and had recently begun training him in "practical shooting," a handgun competition with moving and pop-up targets. He said the boy was a pretty good shot, although fairly slow.

"Dennis and Pat both have tried as hard as any parents to raise their child right, teach him respect for life, teach him what firearms can do and how to handle them safely," Crider said. "So that's one of the things that kind of alarms me."

"They're trying seriously to get their heads together and figure out what happened themselves," Crider added. He had talked to the father earlier in the day.

Law officers also were trying to un-



School shooting suspect Andrew Golden in a home movie aiming a gun shown Wednesday on PrimeTime Live.

derstand. Authorities said up to 27 shots were fired. Youngsters scrambled as some of their bloodied classmates fell and cried as they awaited emergency workers.

"There's no explanation in my opinion why an 11-year-old or 13-year-old would do something like this," Craighead County Sheriff Dale Haas said. "It breaks my heart."

This morning, one big wreath, two bouquets and a candle were on the sidewalk in front of the school. Classes were canceled.

Killed were Natalie Brooks, Paige Ann Herring and Stephanie Johnson, all 12, and Brittany R. Varner, 11. Shannon Wright, 32, died Tuesday night after surgery for wounds to her chest and abdomen. Students said she stepped in front of a sixth-grader as the shots rang out. The student was not hurt.

Mrs. Wright, the mother of a 2 1/2-year-old son, was kind and loving, said Lula Belle Jones, the school's cafeteria manager.

Asked about stepping in front of the bullet, Ms. Jones said: "She would do that without a doubt."

Under state law, children under age 14 are charged only in Juvenile Court. They

may be held until they are 21, but usually are turned out of the system by 18 because of a lack of facilities.

Prosecutor Brent Davis said today his office would charge the boys with five counts of capital murder in Juvenile Court. However, state Attorney General Winston Bryant said earlier that a defendant must be 14 to be eligible for the death sentence.

In Little Rock, U.S. Attorney Paula Casey said her office was looking into whether it could charge the 13-year-old with federal firearms violations, though it was likely the 11-year-old would be off-limits.

Students described Mitchell as a troubled boy who had recently begun bragging about involvement with a gang and was upset over a breakup with a girlfriend, who was among the wounded. Students said he made numerous threats Monday.

"He told us that tomorrow you will find out if you live or die," seventh-grader Melinda Henson, who described herself as a good friend of the boy, told the Sun.

"He told me yesterday that all the people who broke up with him, you know, he's going to come to school tomorrow and shoot them," said 12-year-

Principal carried weapon and drugs

CLEVELAND, Texas (AP) — A junior high school principal has been suspended with pay after being charged with possession of marijuana and unlawfully carrying a pistol.

Richard Kreiner, 47, of Cleveland, was released on \$1,500 bail Friday after being jailed overnight by the Woodbranch Village Police Department on the drug and weapon charges.

He was in his first year as principal of Cleveland Junior High School after having been a successful teacher in the Bryan school district.

"He was suspended, pending review of the police reports. If the charges are true, they violate our code of ethics. We have a zero-tolerance policy here on such things," said Nancy Fuller, interim superintendent for the Cleveland Independent School District.

She said Kreiner did not have a criminal history.

Woodbranch Police Chief Stoney England said one of his officers pulled over Kreiner's truck on U.S. 59 Thursday because of an "obstructed license plate." He said Kreiner aroused suspicion when he leaned over and appeared to be hiding something under the front seat.

The officer recovered a .357-caliber Magnum pistol, which Kreiner had no permit for, as well as 28 grams of marijuana from under the seat, England said.

Kreiner, who has an unpublished telephone number, could not be reached for comment Saturday.

and seventh grades. Jonesboro is a university town of 52,000 about 130 miles northeast of Little Rock.

The two boys, wearing camouflage shirts, pants and hats, were caught near the school with handguns and rifles. Investigators said the boys were running in the direction of a white van found about a half-mile away from the school with more guns and ammunition in it. The van was impounded by police.

Classmate Erica Swindle, 12, said the younger boy owned a gun and went deer hunting often.

"He'll sit there and say, 'Man, he's making me so mad I should just take my gun and start blasting him in the butt for it,'" Erica said. "You know he don't act like he's mad, but you really don't know about him. He's 11."

Her mother, Lisa Bearden, said it's simply part of the Southern culture to hunt, but added that youths aren't learning respect for the weapons.

Arkansas has no law prohibiting minors from possessing shotguns or rifles, although people younger than 21 are barred from having handguns. Other laws prohibit possessing guns on public property or for criminal intent.

President Clinton, on a visit to Uganda, said he was "profoundly sad and ... disturbed" by the shootings in his home state.

The rampage was at least the third fatal shooting in a school in the past five months. As in the Jonesboro case, all the evidence is still being collated, and police will continue to release pertinent information on a timely basis.

Recent school shootings

Some recent shootings at U.S. schools:

Dec. 1, 1997 — A youth opens fire on a student prayer circle in a hallway at Heath High School in West Paducah, Ky. Three students are killed and five others wounded. A 14-year-old student, described as emotionally immature, is arrested.

Oct. 1, 1997 — A 16-year-old outcast in Pearl, Miss., is accused of killing his mother, then going to school and shooting nine students. Two of them died, including the boy's ex-girlfriend. Authorities later accuse six friends of conspiracy, saying the suspects were part of a group that dabbled in satanism.

Feb. 19, 1997 — A 16-year-old student opens fire with a shotgun in a common area at the Bethel, Alaska, high school. Killed are school principal Ron Edwards and classmate Josh Palacios. Two other students are wounded. Authorities later accuse two other students of knowing the shootings would take place. Evan Ramsey was sentenced to two 99-year

terms last month.

Feb. 2, 1996 — A 14-year-old student turned an assault rifle on his algebra class, killing two classmates and a teacher, in the central Washington city of Moses Lake. Barry Loukaitis was sentenced to two mandatory life terms for the attack at Frontier Junior High School.

Jan. 18, 1993 — Scott Pennington, 17, walked into Deanna McDavid's seventh-period English class at East Carter High School in Grayson, Ky., and shot her in the head. He then shot janitor Marvin Hicks in the abdomen. Pennington was sentenced to life without parole for 25 years.

May 1, 1992 — Eric Houston, 20, killed four people and wounded 10 in an armed siege at his former high school in Olivehurst, Calif. Prosecutors said the attack was in retribution for a failing grade. Houston was convicted and was given a death sentence.

"They're trying seriously to get their heads together and figure out what happened themselves."

Terry Cinder
family friend

old Charles Vanoven, another seventh-grader. "I thought he was just kidding around."

Charles said the 13-year-old also pulled a knife on another student Monday, but he was afraid to report him. Other students said the boy was specifically targeting one of the girls wounded.

"He said he was definitely going to shoot Candace because she had broken up with him," sixth-grader Kara Tate, 11, told the Sun.

Kim Candace Porter, identified by several students as the former girlfriend, was listed in stable condition at St. Bernards Regional Medical Center.

The school has 250 students in sixth

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Candidates prepare for next week's election

Once again, candidates expected to face little, if any, opposition

Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

For the second consecutive year, the front-runners for the presidency and vice presidency of Student Government Association are expected to face little, if any opposition in next week's SGA elections.

Michele Hosey, currently SGA Vice President, and E.J. Gallagher, currently treasurer, submitted their application for nomination for the positions of president and vice president, respectively, and have appear to have little or no opposition in their way.

Although the deadline to sub-

mit applications has been extended to Monday, April 13 for anyone interested in running for any representative position, Hosey and Gallagher appear to have an edge in the race.

SGA President Steve Winnie anticipates the that polls will be closer than last year.

"We're expecting a contest for president and vice president," he said.

Rob Thomas, a graduate student who has served on SGA for three years, disclosed last night that he and fellow senator Charles Eckhart would run if no other competition arises for Hosey and Gallagher.

"I'm going to throw my hat in the ring only if the president and vice president run unopposed," he said.

Hosey, who was elected to vice president last year under president Steve Winnie, looks forward to the competition from Thomas.

"Rob has been here for a long time and he knows a lot of people," she said. "He would be terrific also."

Although not every student may run for an executive position, Hosey believes students can still make a difference.

"If you can't meet the criteria, you should at least vote so you can say you tried to do something," she said.

If elected, this lack of participation from students will be a main concern of Hosey.

"I'd like to see less student apathy and see more of what the students



photo by Darren A. Meehan

Michele Hosey will run for the presidency along with E.J. Gallagher. Hosey currently serves as Vice President.

want done," she said.

Hosey also wants SGA to re-see election, pg 2

Sold out crowd celebrates annual MISO Festival

'Living in a Global Community' theme of 17th annual festival



photo by Josh Cusatis

Geraldine Kioko hosted and chaired the entertainment committee for the festival. She also delivered the opening address

by Josh Cusatis
features editor

This year's 17th Annual Mansfield International Students Organization Festival was held to a sold out crowd.

Asami Murao, a member of MISO who helped greatly with the organization of the event, said that all of the tickets to the festival were sold.

"We either reserved or sold all of the tickets," Murao said. "That was 180 tickets. Out of that, we had about 170 people actually show up. I guess some of them just weren't able to come."

The festival started out with a dinner which featured foods from the different nationalities of the students in MISO. Some of these foods were different curries, sushi, misso soup, and Native American fry bread.

"We asked if any of the members had anything that they wanted to make," Murao said. "We cooked it all Friday night and Saturday morning be-

fore the festival. We had a couple of people that aren't MISO members come in and help with cutting vegetables and whatnot."

For the rest of the evening, the audience was entertained by members of MISO and other organizations.

"We asked everyone in MISO if they could do something that would express the culture of their country," said Geraldine Kioko, chairperson and host of this year's MISO Festival. "Most of what was done was music and dancing."

Kioko said that many of the MISO members featured in the entertainment were no longer students.

"We had a lot of alumni come back and offer to do something," Kioko said. "People never really leave MISO. They're always coming back and helping in any way they can."

Kioko added that there was only one new addition to this year's entertainment.

"We added in a section called 'MISO News,'" Kioko said. "We had different members and read stories of

current events from their countries in their native language. These stories were then translated for the audience. It gave people a chance to hear a number of different languages."

Kioko said that MISO members were not the only people to perform at the festival.

"We had a Girl Scout Troop (troop A 26 from Mansfield) come and sing a song," Kioko said. "Originally the just wanted to come to the festival but when they found out there was entertainment they asked if they could do something. They sang 'Got The Whole World.' Filza Chaudhri and Aliya Iqbal also came back to do their Pakistani Dance."

Right now the members of MISO are taking a break before they start any planning for next year's festival Kioko said.

"We're kicking back and and resting for awhile," Kioko said. "Planning this festival can be very crazy."

Murao said that the festival was funded by different campus organiza-

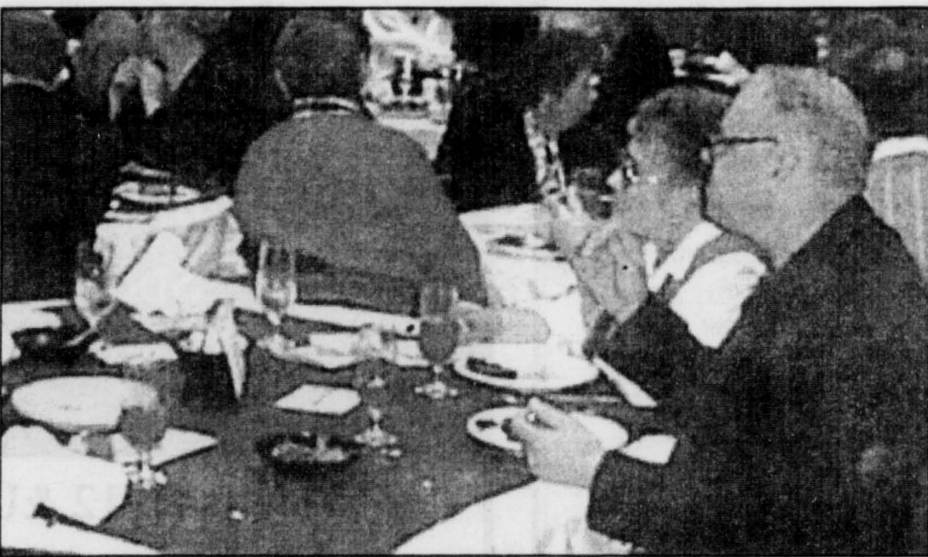


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Attendees enjoyed delicacies using recipes from Bangladesh, India and Japan during the evening event. Entertainment included speakers and music ranging from a piano recital to the singing of "We Are Family", the MISO theme song.

COF budget exceeds available funds

Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

Mansfield University's Committee on Finance ended two weeks of budget request hearings this week, finding that organizations collectively requested \$150,000 more than the money allotted to the University's clubs, organizations and athletics.

Rustin Kreider reported at Monday night's SGA meeting the COF would be forced to cut some budgets.

"We are in the deliberation stage," he said, "\$610,000 was requested and that's \$150,000 over what we have."

A large portion of the money goes toward athletics and the remainder is divided between the Flashlight, Mansfield Activities Council, which is responsible for entertainment, and various other organizations.

Steve Winnie, SGA president and COF member, will present the proposed budget to SGA next week.

"We finished our allocations but they haven't been approved by SGA," he said. "That will be Monday night at the meeting."

Last year, athletics received about \$197,000. According to the COF webpage, which cautions that its figures might be inaccurate, athletics received \$193,000, or four thousand dollars less than the year before.

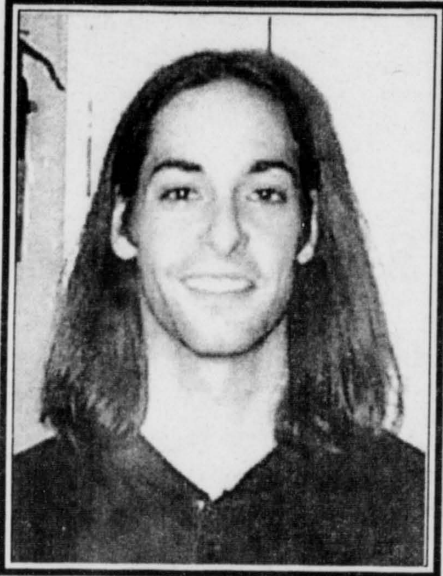
Every club or organization must present a budget request to COF if they need money to fund their group for the next year.

COF members endured two weeks of hearings with multiple organizations before deliberations began. Members then considered each group and evaluated their performance before considering how much of the request the group deserves.

Campus Voices

"What are you doing for the summer?"

by Darren A. Meehan



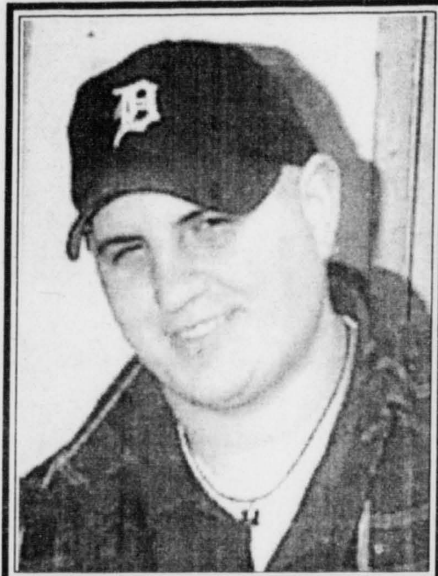
Rob Stark
Senior

"I'll be teaching high school physics classes or rocking in the free world.."



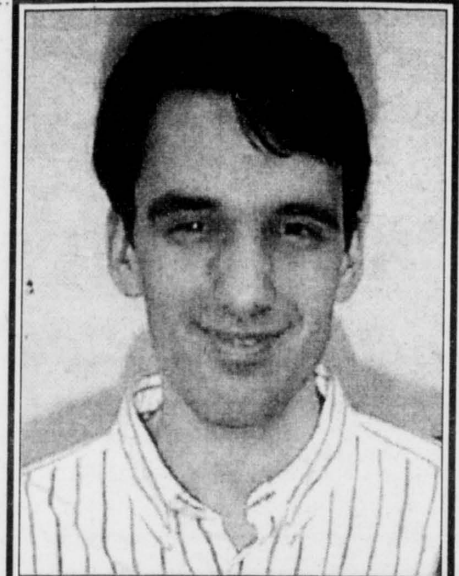
Heidi Wiest
Junior

"I might be working at the capitol in Harrisburg.."



Christian White
Sophomore

"Yeah, I work at a Mobil, dude.."



Rustin Kreider
Senior

"I have not made much of an effort to get myself a job after school.."

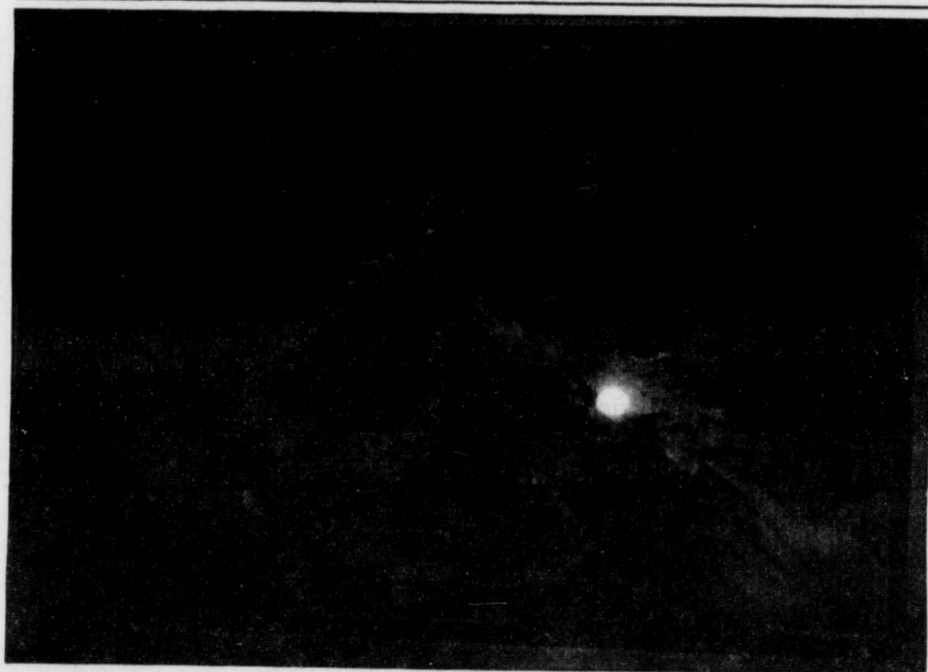


photo by Melissa Wascalus

Faculty art was displayed in the North Hall Art Gallery this week. Several members of the Art Department faculty provided works of art from their personal collection.

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turn to serving the students.

"One thing we didn't do this year was assign a senator to a couple of (dormitory) floors," she said.

In past years, every senator was assigned floors in the dormitories in an attempt to keep closer contact with students, she said.

"It's our job to approach the

students," she said. "It's our job to get out there and find them."

Rustin Kreider, SGA Parliamentarian, doesn't think SGA has been as dedicated as they should be.

"I am not completely satisfied with the performance of SGA," he said. "In particular, the commitment of a number of senators is lacking."

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20:45 Two men cited for harassment against a student.

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4/5/98

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Titanic discovered in Allen Hall

by Joe Wagner
managing editor

In the wee hours of an April morning 86 years ago, the RMS Titanic hit an iceberg and sank 450 miles east of Cape Cod. Seventy three years later, Martin Bowen, an underwater photographer, and the crew of the oceanographic vessel Knorr stumbled upon the wreckage.

Bowen presented a slide and film lecture entitled "We Found the Titanic" last night at Allen Hall. Channel 18, a local NBC affiliate, covered the event.

In the lecture, Bowen described the equipment the oceanographic team used, the actual discovery, and the anxiety involved in their mission. The team was based out of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute.

"It was very satisfying to find the Titanic in the dark and foreboding of the deep ocean," Bowen said. "It was an innerspace trip that I'll not soon forget."

The Knorr and her crew were on a 60 day scheduled mission to find the remains of the Titanic. They found the wreck with four days remaining in their scheduled mission.

"The story of the Titanic is a huge story that began long before the recent movie ever took place. For me, the challenge of using technological tools to find the Titanic is the reason why I am here."

Bowen began his lecture by giving some specifics of the Titanic on her maiden voyage. The ship was 882 feet long and carried 17,200 passengers of all classes.

Bowen emphasized the humanity of the disaster throughout his lecture.

"The Titanic was kind of like the space shuttle Challenger disaster," he said. "People boarded the vessel thinking that they were going to go from one place to another. Then, the unthinkable occurred."

Bowen explained about the equipment that the oceanographic team aboard Knorr used to find and take pictures of the Titanic. The team discovered the wreck using Argo and Angus, two submersible sonar and photographic devices.

Bowen said that the Knorr would cruise above where the Titanic was believed to be while towing the Angus submersible. The Angus submersible would trail along the ocean floor anchored to the Knorr by a two and one half tether.

"Our first discovery was a fifteen foot across section of a boiler hatch," Bowen said. "When we found it, everyone in the control room said 'That's it!'"

The hatch was just one of the many artifacts that the team found along the debris field left by the Titanic when it went down. The debris field led to the wreck.

After Bowen and the team found the wreck, they were forced to return to shore. Soon after, the Knorr returned to the site with more equipment to survey the site.

Bowen and two other members of the oceanographic team went down to the Titanic to further view the wreck. They traveled to the ocean floor in a cramped three person submarine.

Bowen, as the crew's cameraman, gingerly operated a remote control

camera called Jason Junior attached to the submarine. Jason Junior moved about the Titanic on a 200 foot tether taking photographs of the wreck.

The lenses in the cameras aboard Jason Junior were ones designed during the Korean conflict for use in sniper rifles.

"It was a touch and go thing to get these pictures without damaging the cameras," Bowen said.

Bowen said that the oceanographers paid most of their attention to the bow end of the ship. The stern end was totally destroyed when it broke off from the rest of the ship and crashed onto the ocean floor.

"We stayed clear of the stern. It was totally crushed and to think about all of the people that died there was spooky. Going to the stern would have just been going to far into the graveyard," Bowen said.

Despite the tremendous loss of life, over 1,500 people drowned, there was no evidence of human remains.

"We did not find any skeletons. The critters would have taken of the flesh and the calcium deficient water would have claimed the skeletons within ten years," Bowen said.

When Knorr and the oceanographic team returned to Woods Hole, they did not know what kind of homecoming they would receive.

"When we came back to Woods Hole, we had no idea how many people would be so happy to know that we discovered the Titanic," Bowen said.

Bowen ended his presentation with a question and answer period.

One student, Fawna York, asked Bowen why the Knorr team was the first to find the Titanic.

Student government discusses bus service

Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

Mansfield University's Student Government Association held debates concerning shuttle service during their Monday night meeting in Memorial Hall.

Matt Fogg, an SGA senator who is on a committee reviewing the Endless Mountain Transportation Authority, told senators he would be meeting Wednesday to "discuss whether or not to keep the shuttle running all day."

Fogg addressed senator questions regarding the frequency and use of the shuttle service, which replaced a university van that transported students to and from various on campus locations.

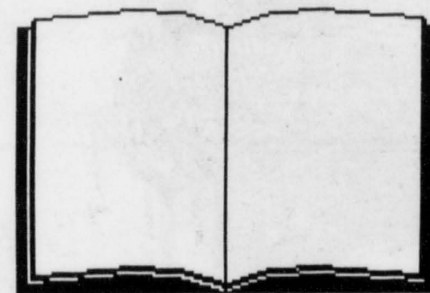
In a vote call for regarding how much the university should invest in the service, nine senators voted to keep the EMTA night run while seven were in favor of the old shuttle system. None of the senators were in favor of keeping the daily shifts, which many senators viewed as a waste.

Senators were also notified by Rustin Kreider that the Committee on Finance, the organization responsible for allocating funds to all clubs and organizations, received \$150,000 more in requests, which totaled \$610,000. COF will only allocate \$149,000.

Senators were also reminded that applications are due for nominations for next year's SGA. Elections will be held next week, April 15th and 16th in Memorial Hall.

Advisor Joe Maresco also requested that SGA commit members to assist in a workshop during the first weekend of next semester.

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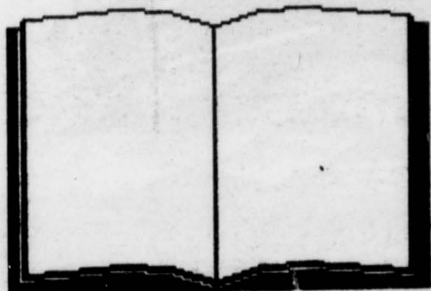


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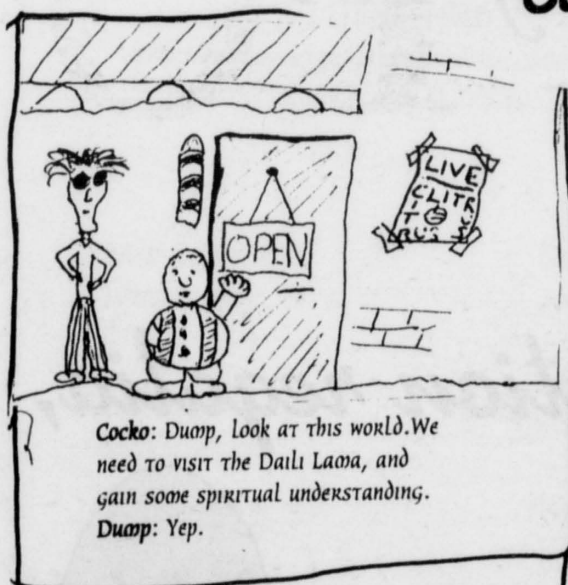


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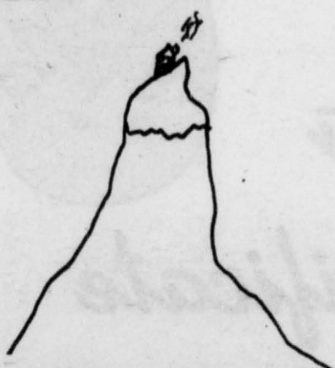
Darren just wanted to see what he looks like next to Princess Leia



The Adventures of Cocko!



Cocko: Dump, look at this world. We need to visit the Daili Laona, and gain some spiritual understanding.
Dump: Yep.

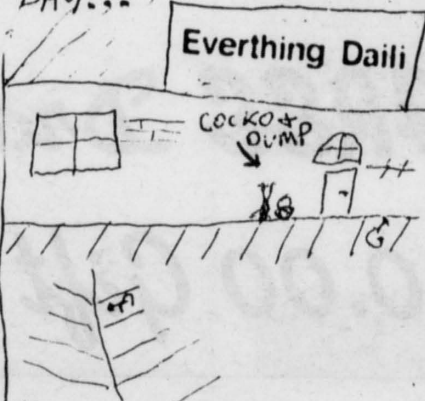


...and Dump



Cocko: Tibet, here we come
Dump: I think I may be the Golden Child, what do you think?

LATER THAT DAY...



Cocko: I think Daili sold out
Dump: I want to buy a Daili dolly

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Special Report: A pilgrimage of faith

150 pilgrims killed in Saudi Arabian stampede

MECCA, Saudi Arabia - A stampede broke out Thursday on a crowded bridge near Mecca, killing more than 150 Muslim pilgrims on the last day of the hajj, Saudi officials said. Some were trampled and others fell to their death.

Most of the victims were from Indonesia and Malaysia and described as elderly men and women, said the officials, who spoke on customary condition of anonymity.

The disaster occurred on a desert plain in the searing heat of midday as pilgrims at Mecca performed a ritual laden with symbolism known as "stoning the devil" - hurling rocks at pillars symbolizing the temptations of Satan.

The victims died at a bridge at Mina, three miles from Mecca, where 2.3 million Muslims from about 100 countries have gathered for the annual hajj, the official Saudi Press Agency said. It initially had put the death toll at 107.

Some elderly and sick pilgrims fell off the bridge, and others fell underfoot and were crushed, it said. Police tried to rescue some of the pilgrims, but the surging crowds prevented them from getting near, it said.



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Pictured above is the main temple at Mecca in Saudi Arabia where millions are gathered.

"We seek God's mercy for those who died and patience for their families," the agency said.

Islam requires all Muslims who can afford it to make the pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in their lives.

Thursday, the closing day of the four-day hajj, crowds of tens of thousands had struggled with heat that topped 100 degrees. Helicopter crews

had hovered overhead to spot pilgrims fainting, and workers threw bags of chilled water from trucks to those making their way to the pillars.

To shield themselves, pilgrims covered their heads with towels or carried umbrellas, some inscribed with "God is great."

Police using loudspeakers had pleaded in Arabic, English, French and Urdu for

pilgrims to move along quickly. Other police with batons made room for pilgrims wanting to escape the crowds.

The stampede was the latest tragedy to befall the hajj, which in the past has been marred by other stampedes, fires and political protests that turned violent.

Last year, fires driven by high winds tore through a sprawling, overcrowded tent

city at Mina, trapping and killing more than 340 pilgrims and injuring 1,500.

In 1994, 270 pilgrims, most of them Indonesians, were killed in a similar stampede as worshippers surged toward the site of the ceremony of "stoning the devil."

In the worst tragedy, 1,426 pilgrims, many of them Malaysians, Indonesians and Pakistanis, were killed in 1990 in a stampede in a crowded pedestrian tunnel leading to holy sites in Mecca.

Until Thursday, Saudi officials who oversee the pilgrimage had praised the smooth running of this year's hajj.

To cope with the crowds, authorities had commissioned more than 20,000 buses to transport pilgrims to Mina.

Saudi authorities set up 6,000 hospital beds and called in more than 10,000 doctors to tend to any sick. Dozens of first aid workers rode motorbikes to provide emergency help.

Despite Thursday's disaster, pilgrims still will circle the Kaaba to end the pilgrimage.

Holy journey culminates on Monday

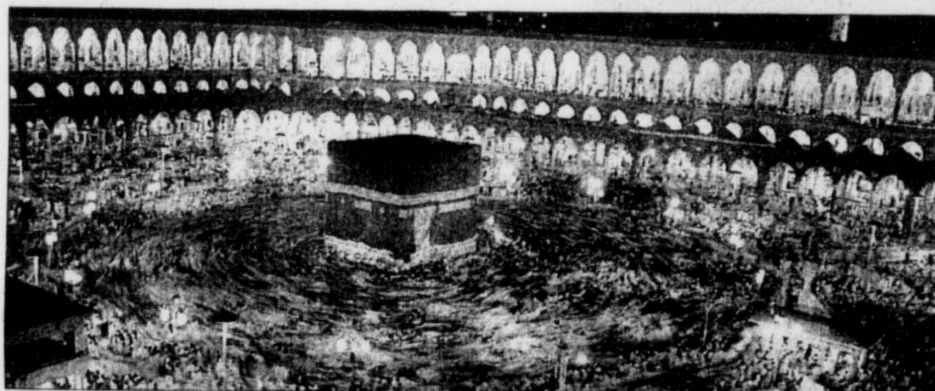


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The Kaaba, the cubic stone structure that attracts millions of pilgrims each year

The annual pilgrimage to Mecca is a sacred obligation and fulfills a lifelong dream for many of the world's 1 billion Muslims.

The hajj culminates Monday, when an expected 2.3 million Muslims gather on Mount Arafat, 12 miles from Mecca in the Saudi desert. With such huge crowds, tragedy - such as last year's fire that swept through tents set up for pilgrims - has been common.

Still, rituals of the hajj, one of the five cornerstones of Islam, always go on. The other four tenets are prayers, alms, fasting and believing in God and that Mohammed is his prophet.

Every able-bodied Muslim who can afford to perform the hajj must do so once. It is an observance packed with symbolism that blurs the distinction between prince and pauper.

Men wrap themselves in white sheets

and women wear modest white robes. On arriving in Mecca, they go to circle the Kaaba, a cubic stone structure inside the Grand Mosque and Islam's holiest site. Muslims turn toward the Kaaba five times daily to pray.

Pilgrims circled the Kaaba on Sunday, some carrying umbrellas to shield themselves from the sun in 102-degree heat.

Some will walk the 12 miles to Arafat, while others catch a ride. There, the hajj peaks with pilgrims standing together to pray where Mohammed, founder of the Muslim faith, delivered his last sermon shortly before his death in 632.

The president of Pakistan, Farooq Leghari, and officials from across the Muslim world will be among those praying Monday at Arafat.

Before the hajj ends, there will be a symbolic stoning of the devil at monuments in the plains of Mina, outside Mecca.

Saudi Arabia bans demonstrations during the hajj but in recent years has tolerated low-key rallies held by Iranians inside their living quarters during the pilgrimage.

More than 1 million Muslims already have arrived in Saudi Arabia for the hajj, which begins Monday. The hajj attracts more than 2 million Muslims, half of them Saudis or foreigners residing there.

Every able-bodied Muslim who can afford to make the trip to Mecca, site of Islam's holiest shrines, is supposed to do so at least once in a lifetime.

Saudi security police holy site

MECCA, Saudi Arabia (AP) - More than 2 million Muslims swathed in white came from around the world Sunday to the holy city of Mecca to perform the annual pilgrimage, a lifelong dream of many.

Tens of thousands of police were mobilized to provide security and to keep up with the snarled traffic moving toward Mecca, the site of Islam's holiest shrine, from the rest of Saudi Arabia and the Red Sea port of Jiddah, 50 kilometers (30 miles) away.

Civil defense teams and more than 1,300 Saudi boy scouts helped the elderly and the lost make their way through the crowds.

Just 50 years ago, the pilgrimage, or hajj, attracted about 10,000 people. This year, it is expected to draw 2.3 million.

Saudi authorities have set up 6,000 hospital beds and called in more than 10,000 doctors to attend to the sick. Dozens of first aid workers will ride motorbikes to provide emergency help.

To cope with heat expected to hover above 100 F (38 C), Saudi authorities have provided 10,000 water coolers around Mecca and planned to distribute millions of small water bottles.

Host Saudi Arabia takes pride in providing for the pilgrims as a way to further its stature among the world's 1.1 billion Muslims.

Every able-bodied Muslim who can afford to perform the hajj must do so once. It is an observance packed with symbolism and ritual that is one of the cornerstones of the Muslim faith.

Men wrap themselves in white sheets and women wear modest white robes.

Iran protests the West during annual pilgrimage

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - Iranians will hold anti-Western demonstrations during the annual Muslim pilgrimage, Iranian radio reported Friday.

The head of Iranian pilgrimage affairs says Iran's late revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini had decreed such rallies an integral part of the pilgrimage, or hajj, the radio reported.

Ayatollah Mohammad Mohammadi Reyshahri, speaking from the holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia, called on Iranian officials "to cooperate with the Iranian pilgrims to ensure that the ritual is held gloriously," it said.

Last month, Iranian President Mohammad Khatami called on his country's pilgrims to tone down the rallies, during which speakers condemn the United States and Israel as enemies of Islam.

The rallies have been a source of friction with Saudi Arabia since about 400 people died in clashes with Saudi police during a 1987 demonstration.

Khatami is the first Iranian president to speak out against the rallies and the move was seen as a bid to improve ties with Saudi Arabia, which long has been wary of Iran's revolutionary Islam.



Iraq conceals biological weapons program from UN



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Iraqi tyrant Saddam Hussein

UNITED NATIONS - Iraq continues to conceal the scope of its biological weapons program and has failed to account for the missiles that can deliver the deadly agents, a U.N. report said Thursday.

The report criticized Iraq for failing to provide any new detailed information. It also said Iraq's disclosures of its weapons and missile capability and its claim that its biological program was destroyed in 1991 were "incomplete and inadequate."

The findings come as the chief U.N. weapons inspector, Richard Butler, completes a six-month review of Iraqi cooperation on inspections, including the recent visits to so-called presidential sites that Baghdad had previously declared off-limits.

Thursday's document covered the result of meetings on biological weapons and missiles between U.N. experts and their Iraqi counterparts in Vienna, Austria, from March 20-27.

The report was particularly critical of Iraq's attitude going into the Vienna Technical Evaluation meeting, noting that Baghdad didn't send qualified experts.

"They did not grasp the opportunity offered. The attitude of Iraq ... toward the discussions was disappointing and shows no change since 1995," the report said.

U.N. weapons inspectors must certify that Iraq has destroyed its long-range missiles and biological, chemical and nuclear weapons before the Security Council will lift crippling economic sanctions imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990 and touched off the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

In the report, U.N. inspectors made extensive references to a report Iraq issued in September which was billed as Baghdad's "full, final and complete" assessment of its weapons programs. The

U.N. said the report "contains major mistakes, inconsistencies and gaps in information."

Specifically, the U.N. document dismissed Baghdad's description of its production ability for deadly biological agent aflatoxin, calling the account "implausible."

"Bulk BW (biological weapons) agent production appears to be considerably understated," the report said. U.N. experts also had "low confidence" in Baghdad's accounting for toxic materials such as botulinum and anthrax.

The report noted that Iraq recognized the need to improve its accounting of such substances and promised to do so. If this results in an improvement of the declaration "then this is a positive outcome," the report said.

The U.N. experts said "an elaborate effort" was undertaken until 1995 to conceal and preserve Iraq's biological program, despite Security Council resolutions requiring to be dismantled.

Baghdad denied having any offensive biological weapons until July 1995, when the head of Iraq's weapons programs, Hussein Kamal al-Majid - a son-in-law of President Saddam Hussein - defected to Jordan.

Russian ultranationalists rally for back wages



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Russian protestors stage a demonstration

MOSCOW - Workers marched for back wages, Communists for an end to Boris Yeltsin's presidency and ultranationalists for a return to Russia's Soviet-era might as hundreds of thousands took to the streets Thursday across Russia.

In rallies from Moscow to Vladivostok, Russians expressed their dissatisfaction with life in their post-communist country.

"Soviet power - that's what the whole world needs," said Alexandra Nenasheva, a 63-year-old retired janitor, wearing a pink wool coat with a lapel pin showing Soviet leader Vladimir Lenin. "Yeltsin is a monster. Who supports him? America, Israel, Germany."

Nenasheva was one of thousands who protested in a cold rain outside Russia's government headquarters - fewer than in previous years.

The Interior Ministry estimated that the crowd numbered 15,000, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency, but many journalists and other observers thought the number was closer to a few thousand.

Russian public television estimated about 1 million took part in Thursday's protests, far less than organizers had predicted. The Interior Ministry said per-

mits were granted for about 900 rallies nationwide.

In Moscow, separate protests by unions, Communists and ultranationalists converged on the White House, the main government building on the banks of the Moscow River.

"Dear comrades, what we need is Soviet power," said Viktor Anpilov, head of the radical Russian Labor movement. "There's no sense in all this privatization."

Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov drew cheers from the crowd when he called for Yeltsin's resignation and the ouster of his Cabinet, including the president's nominee for premier, Sergei Kiriyenko, whose confirmation vote is scheduled for Friday.

"We demand a normal government," Zyuganov said. "We will not vote for Mr. Kiriyenko."

In the Far Eastern city of Vladivostok, a planned rally of 10,000 people drew an estimated 3,000 participants who marched under red Communist flags to the town's central square. Factories and plants in the town stopped work for two hours.

In Russia's second-largest city, St. Petersburg, thousands of marchers shut down the main boulevard, Nevsky Prospekt, and rallied in front of the Winter Palace under a banner reading "For labor, wages and social guarantees."

Yeltsin's spokesman said the president was keeping a close eye on the protests, and pledged that the government was already working on a solution to the problem of unpaid wages and pensions.

"We understand people," said Kiriyenko, the acting prime minister, after convening a panel on the issue. "They are not getting their wages and we are obliged to solve this problem."

The government has had great difficulty paying wages and pensions in recent years, largely because it has had trouble collecting taxes and other revenue.

38 killed Thursday in southern storms



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Betty Watson, right, was at home Wednesday night when a tornado sent a mobile home into her home

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - Rescue crews frantically searched through the rubble of homes for survivors Thursday after a tornado ripped through one town after another just outside Birmingham. At least 38 people were killed across the South.

Hardest hit was Alabama's Jefferson County, west of Birmingham, with devastation in several tiny communities. At least 22 died in Jefferson and two in another county, Gov. Fob James said. Five others died in Georgia, including a soldier at sprawling Fort Stewart, and one in Mississippi.

Leon Hyche lost his niece, Deb Helms, and her two sons, Colby, 8, and Carson, 4, in Wednesday night's storm. They

were killed as they hid in their basement just down the street from him in Rock Creek.

"It's supposed to be the safest place," he said. "The whole wall collapsed on them."

Hyche said his niece's husband, Dave Helms, was not home at the time.

"He's crushed," Hyche said. "He's lost everything."

James, at a news briefing this morning, said the death count had risen to 24 and that 104 people were injured. At least 40 people were still hospitalized Thursday, several in critical condition. James said 150 homes were destroyed and 300 more had major damage from the tornado, which packed winds up to the 200-250 mph range.

The powerful storm system sparked warnings an hour before sunset and then began a twisted, random trail of destruction across Alabama two hours later, at 8 p.m.

Homes of wood and brick in Rock Creek were reduced to their foundations, with household appliances scattered across yards, limbs and power lines across streets. Ambulances had difficulty reaching the dead.

In the glare of spotlights, bodies lying along the road could be seen in the early-morning dark in Rock Creek. Chain saws

buzzed as searchers desperately tried to get to homes cut off by felled trees, overturned cars and the bricks and timber of ruined homes.

The Rock Creek Church of God was turned into a trauma center.

By morning, the air crisp and skies sunny and calm, trees snapped in half were visible as far as the eye could see. The smell of pine and oak trees filled the air.

The roadside, cluttered with debris and overturned cars, was littered also with the silent testimony from the feverish rescues of the long night empty intravenous bottles and latex gloves of paramedics.

One car, upright, rested atop the remnants of a gas station. An old school bus, converted into a camper, was upside down.

Gary McGowan was among fortunate. As word of an approaching tornado spread, he ran from church to his trailer, only to find that his wife and 3-year-old daughter had gone to her parents' home nearby. He ran inside and they all sought shelter in a central hall.

"I laid over my wife and baby, and God laid over me," said McGowan.

Mayor Wallace Thompson of nearby Sylvan Springs said the storm

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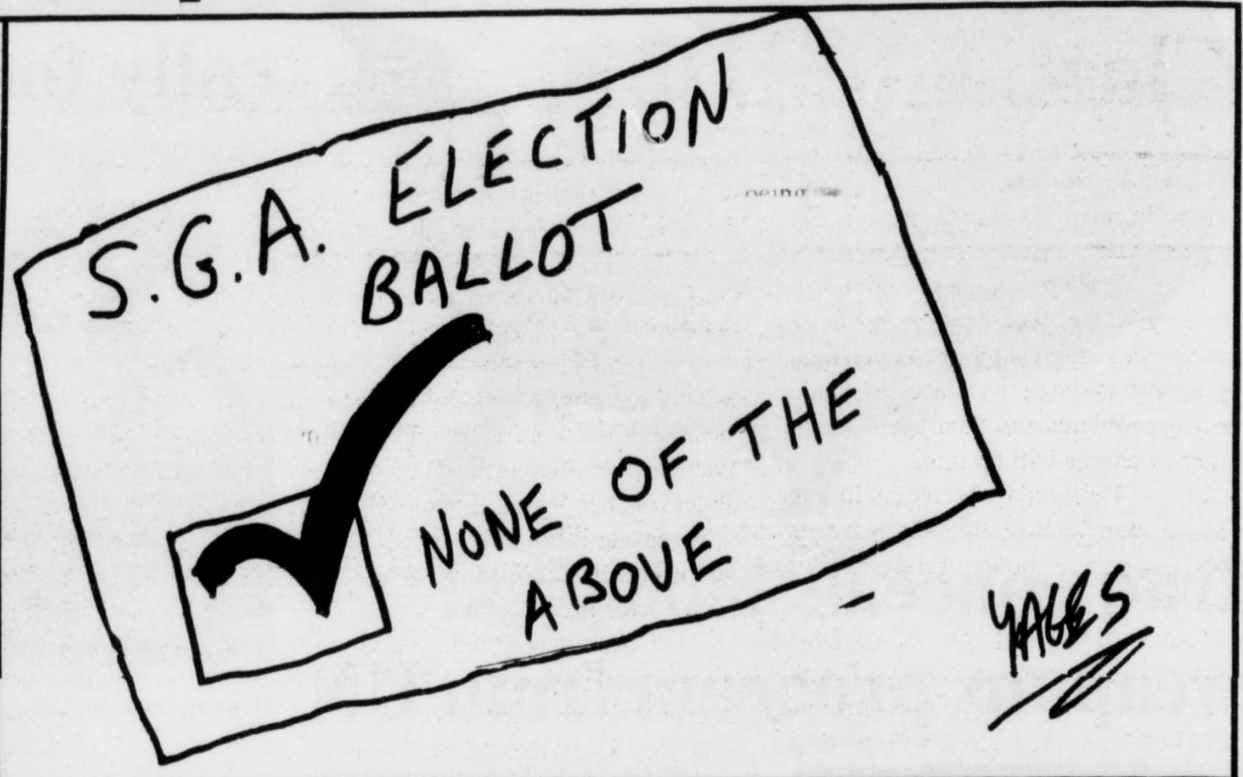
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Next week vote "None of the above"

Next week, Mansfield University will be holding student government elections. Because this university has settled on a democratic system of representation, any student should be allowed to run for Student Government President.

However, this is not the case. The system is lying to you. Follow us here- If this election is a democratic process, it should be run by the people (students), for the people (students again). If you are not a member of the Student Government Association, you can not run for president.

What do we learn from today's lesson? The SGA is NOT run for the people by the people. Think about if the United States ran the government this way.

If U.S. Senators were the only ones allowed to run for president, we would be no better than the Mussolini Express. Each year, there are complaints that the student body does not show up for election day. Maybe they are tired of the same old people with the same old stance on issues.

The system is stagnant, and lackluster turnouts for recent elections is the proof. A change needs to be made, or attendance will continue to dwindle, along with the students' trust of SGA. Let's revamp the way things are done and allow a breath of fresh air into SGA and the election process.

Open the elections to all students, and we will truly have a Democratic system of representation, and not the sham being perpetrated today. Ask yourself this- last year's elections brought out around five hundred students on election day.

Where were the other 2500 students? They were either too frustrated with the system to vote, or else they decided, when reviewing the candidates, on none of the above. Either scenario presents a bleak picture of the state of MU.

If someone gets tired of the way things are run and they want to challenge the mainstream, they should be entitled. We need to destroy the "boy's club" mentality of SGA and urge them to reconsider whether it is truly democratic to limit nominees to those "in the circle".

Any student can be affected by the decisions of SGA and, while it is probably good practice for the president of an organization to be in the organization, if we model our SGA from the United States government we are lacking some fundamentals.

Ross Perot ran for president even though he wasn't in the loop. And, even though he ran, he didn't win. From this we learned that anyone can run but only a few will win.

If the people prefer experience in their president, let them speak up at the polls. But for God's sake don't limit the nominees to those in the know.

As we have written, it is bad for SGA, it is bad for students and it is bad for anyone who cherishes the laws and procedures of the United States of America.

If you want to get students involved, you have to get students involved. Excluding them from something like this doesn't help.

And what about debates? When was the last time two candidates had to debate their positions before an audience?

Wouldn't it be nice to see if our next leader can compose him/herself in front of an audience?

Food Service addresses criticisms

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the ongoing stream of commentary and cartoons regarding Food Service. I and the eighty-two other people who serve the community every day, take your comments very seriously. We are committed to listening and responding to customer preferences or comments and making the changes that we can. We do not decide what meal plans there are or residence policies. We administer the meal plan established by the University. The types of

services and products we provide are not like home style preparation: it is institutional. This is a program designed to feed the 3,000 to 4,500 meals a day we serve. I eat here five to six days a week, and at home for dinner seven. I get tired of eating at home seven days a week. At home I have only one choice at dinner, whether to eat or not. Here there are choices and options. When I eat at home I have to go out and buy it, cook it and clean it up. I'm grateful whenever I go anywhere that will do any or all of these things for me. We make mistakes all the time. We prepare or

serve hundreds of products every day and there are plenty of opportunities for error. We try and prevent as many problems as we can, but they happen and we do our best to fix them and avoid them in the future. The best we can do for our guests is to: Present the best program we can with the resources we have. Listen to what the preferences are, respond to those preferences and concerns and make changes when we can. There are many opportunities for customer input and suggestion for change: speaking with

employees, comment cards, surveys every semester, manned comment tables, "Fresh Eye" team visits, Food Service Committee meetings every other Thursday at 4 PM in South Court, or meeting with me or one of the management staff. We are an easy target of frustration. We are also easy to find. We are here seven days a week. I promise you this: We'll talk to you, and we'll listen, and we'll change when we can.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Anderson

Commentary Policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary may turn it in to the *Flashlight* office by 5 PM. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writers name, major, class, and phone number. Nonstudents are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.

Letters to the Editor Policy

The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is unwilling to take responsibility for the letter's content. So, why should we?

In order to preserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

The *Flashlight* reserves the right to condense or edit your letter for the sake of length or clarity. Letters should be typed and double spaced. They can be dropped off at the *Flashlight* office, 217 Memorial Hall.

Commentary

Flashlight Editor calls out apartment landlord

Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

Walking cautiously through the door, you feel the soggy wood below your feet sagging slightly. As you make your way through the house, you notice many problems and think someday the man in charge will fix it up.

Hell, today, he seems like the nicest man. You really convince yourself that you're about to get the landlord no one has.

In the past year, I have found something in my life that is utterly dumbfounding and annoying at the same time. I have had the pleasure of living under a landlord.

Most of us know the type: an ignorant, arrogant scum bag who thinks because he's renting an apartment to you he's king of the world.

Well, if he wants to be king of something, maybe reigns over all that is poorly built and a complete waste of money. No sooner did I move into this new place that I found out exactly the way things were.

My roommates and I, and many of my neighbors who live in some of his other slum-like heaps of wood, spend big bucks on things like water and gas. I don't mind paying for these utilities, but we pay too much.

Our toilet runs all the time, our garbage keeps piling up and our gas makes our house smell like an explosion

is imminent.

Our garbage piles up because the jackass hasn't returned our dumpster. according to him, it is a service he provides. I have another service he can provide.

Many of you reading this are wondering why you should care about any of this because you live in the dorms. Well, I never thought I'd have to worry about it either but I couldn't have been more wrong if I was on Jerry Springer and my girlfriend told me she "wasn't born a woman".

The fact of the matter is, some day you will probably move off campus and, unless you are a member of a Greek fraternity who has their own house, you will encounter a landlord like this.

They really do think they are better than us because their names are on the "owner" line of the lease you signed. All hail the crooked son of a bitch who charges students hundreds of dollars for a place that would be condemned in any other town.

And yet some of you will say "if it's so bad, why don't you move back on campus?". Well, because I don't want to and I don't really think that's the solution. Having everyone move back on campus isn't going to improve the place I live in.

I thought the thorough inspection earlier this year would fix some of the problems but it didn't. I guess it's standard housing codes for the shower ceiling to be so low that you look like

Quasimodo ringing the North Hall bell.

So, if you find yourself being shown an apartment, practice the following tips:

1. Never rent from someone who sounds like the most complex thought they ever had was "What is Life Cereal's ad-boy Mikey doing today?"

2. Ask to see the rooms that he is not anxious taking you into unless you are persistent.

3. Look around at the people who are renting nearby. Odds are, if they look like they just found out the bridge they just bought in San Francisco was a sham, you might want to shop around.

4. Ask him to read something. Anything. Ask him to read the lease or a book of matches or something. If he can't read, you don't want to rent from him.

5. Plan on moving in with

people you like. You'll need one another to sort through the landlord's logic. Sometimes chipping through the reasoning behind why we can have ninety cases of beer but not a quarter barrel in our place requires more than one person.

6. If all of the walls are covered with posters, pictures or sheets, they're there for a reason.

7. If it seems like people calling him "Handy Man" are referring to the Damon Wayans' retarded super hero instead of Tim the "Tool man" Taylor, they are.

Hey, no one's forcing us to live off campus. But then again, no one forces students to cut class, it's just something that happens when we think it's necessary. By the way, there are good places to live here in Mansfield, but none of are likely going to be lucky enough to rent one of them.

Lewd Clinton media coverage brings questions

by WALTER R MEARS
AP special Correspondant

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a burst of soul-searching brought on by That Story, America's editors are wrestling with questions of sources, sex and the reaction of readers to their coverage of the Monica Lewinsky case.

They don't have any clear answers because issues like those, and the broader concerns underlying them — privacy, accuracy, how to inform and at the same time satisfy people are as old as journalism and resistant to any one-formula solution.

In the end, the decisions depend on the story, the editor, the reporter and news judgment, which itself defies simple definition.

The American Society of Newspaper Editors made credibility the theme of its annual convention and that led inevitably to the issues raised by reporting and commentary on the allegations that President Clinton had a sexual relationship with the former White House intern and tried to get her to lie about it.

Well, not quite. But appraising, critiquing and often lamenting the coverage of that special prosecutor case and the intertwined Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit dismissed Wednesday by a federal judge in panels, seminars and television talk shows are part of the routine in Washington now.

So have been the stories about the latest chapter in Kenneth Starr's investigation, and earlier, the sometimes salacious accusations in the Jones lawsuit, along with the White House response team that worked to undercut the credibility of Clinton's accusers. Much of it attributed to unidentified sources, much of it dealing with topics once reserved for the most sensational of the tabloids.

"Other media that do not share newspaper standards are recasting the definitions of news," Sandra Rowe, editor of the Portland Oregonian and outgoing president of ASNE said told the editors. "But we do not have to be pulled along."

But in the hours of credibility and coverage discussions that followed, the consensus was that mainstream media outlets have been, as Internet or tabloid TV outlets feed out reports that do not meet journalistic standards but quickly circulate. Then the dilemma is for the editor whose newspaper has higher standards, but whose readers will be puzzled or irritated if they don't see anything in print. Often the answer is to put it into the newspaper, in a story that may raise questions about the claim, but nonetheless recirculates it.

"New media will not adopt our standards. We are foolish to teach as if they have,"
Larry Sabato

"Lowest common denominator journalism has now become the norm," said Larry Sabato, a political science professor at the University of Virginia. "The war for higher standards is over."

Rowe differed. "New media will not adopt our standards," she said. "We are foolish to treat them as if they have. ... The high road is there if we will just take it."

"The notion that readers have created the demand for lowest common denominator journalism is false," she said. "We are doing that ourselves. We can and must stop."

Two Washington news executives told of their efforts to make sure the truth is sifted from the sources who insist on being shielded by anonymity. Jonathan P. Wolman, chief of bureau for The Associated Press, told the editors that far more anonymous information is spiked, unused, than ever is sent on the AP wire. Leonard Downie, executive editor of The Washington Post, said his newspaper strives, insofar as the strictures of its anonymous sources permit, to describe them and thus identify their potential motives, for or against Clinton.

Wolman said one aspect of the overall Lewinsky coverage that may grate on readers is an imbalance between opinionated TV talk and printed commentary and straight, factual reporting."

Sex talk and hog wash in the Mississippi Legislature

special to the Flashlight

Men in the Mississippi Legislature would not consider it male bonding. But the teen pregnancy debate in the 1998 session had a decidedly macho tone.

A young man's first sexual experience was talked of in terms of a rite of passage, a step to adulthood something akin to killing a first deer. It was discussed in terms of young women, gussied up to appear older than their tender years, luring young men, with hormones raging, into sex.

The punishment was five years to 20 years in some cases for teen-agers who force sex on someone 16 and younger.

Hog wash, says Sen. Neely Carlton, D-Greenville, whose dander was up much like the testosterone levels in the male-dominated Senate.

"It's not that I don't understand that perspective, but certainly that is not the only issue.

"I am quite frankly very offended that the entire tone of the conversation was an Adam and Eve argument the evilness of the woman luring the man into a position that he had no control over.

"I don't buy that and I don't appreciate it from a woman's perspective," Carlton said.

Carlton said no man should be so smitten that he cannot slow down and find out how old a woman is.

But that was how the debate

went.

"I understand the position of those who were concerned about that bill, concerned for the unintended effect of that bill.

"The thing is that we do have a problem with older adults having sex with people, with teen-agers who are not mature enough to make those type of decisions and are greatly influenced by the maturity of those adults. It is imperative that we set a public policy statement that we want our adults to be responsible for their actions especially with regard to our teen-agers," Carlton said.

The "unintended effect" that got Carlton justly perturbed was Sen. Johnnie Walls' concern for a young man who made a mistake getting involved with a minor.

"So you've got an 18-year-old man ... now a convicted felon and he has to register as a sex offender which will follow him the rest of his life. How does that help us? Let's deal with the old men who are doing this.

"We just need to be realistic. Fifteen-year-old girls don't look like 15-year-olds. These young boys who meet them may not know it. We are dealing with the real world. We think this is going to curb teen-age pregnancy, but we are going to give some 18-year-old kids a lifetime with a stigma as a sex offender," said Walls, D-Greenville.

The suggestion to raise the age of consent to 16 which means any adult having sex with a 14- or 15-year-old would be committing a felony came from a task force that met last year.

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"A Thousand Suns"

*This heat is sickening
It forces me to hide
In the shade*

*This heat is blistering
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In the shade*

*Because I own the sun I can burn you down
And I've got enough salt to make you want to drown
And I need to sleep in the shade*

*A thousand eyes to make you see
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Boil away

This heat makes the desert long

by Illiteracy

"Milk and Cheese" dairy that doesn't do a body good

by Josh Cusatis
naked porcelain woman

I've got a bagel in my hands!
I'm putting quarters down my pants!

Hi, everybody! As you can probably tell (if you're still, or ever did for the matter, reading my columns) I'm not going to say a single thing about Hunter or any of that garbage this week. Frankly, I'm sick of it and I bet you are too. Writing those couple of stories was good though and I now have some good material for larger works (if you really care and I don't see why you would).

So, since I don't have an actual story for this week and I'm finding it increasingly difficult to find things about this campus that are funny to talk about, I'm going to take this time to expose you all to something you may not know about (and hey, it's funny).

I'm not a very big connoisseur of comic books but I have a lot of friends that are. One of them even does his own comic book that will be published this summer. Anyway, a couple of years ago, I went with a couple of these fans to a comic shop in Corning. As I was wandering around looking at some neat artwork, I stumbled upon a really great book about "a carton of hate" and "a wedge of spite." I you don't know what I'm talking about the name of the comic is "Milk and Cheese: Dairy Products Gone Bad."

I opened the book and found black and white comic strips about a carton of milk called "Milk" and a wedge of cheese called "Cheese." These two

characters would drink massive amounts of gin and beer, watch hours upon end of TV, crack witty yet stupid jokes, and kill and dismember innocent people. Just the sort of stuff that censors love to get their hands on.

I just thought this comic was a riot (their catch phrase is, "Gin makes a man mean! Everybody booze up and riot!"). So, last year I found all six issues at a comic shop in State College and bought all of them. I had to have them to go along with the "Milk and Cheese" card set that a friend bought for me.

If you feel it's really necessary for me to tell you some more about "Milk and Cheese" then I will because I love to give the masses what they want. After all, that is my job. At least, most of the time. They have these things called "hate bubbles" in which they're constantly finding new ways to use a broken gin bottle as a means of inflicting pain. They also like to pour their alcohol induced vomit everywhere across the globe. It seems to spew from them like water from the Hoover dam. And if that's not enough, their strips never seem to make it beyond two pages long which is good for our short attention spans.

I love to break these comics out every time I need a good, sadistic laugh and everyone that I've shown these books to loves them. So, if you're looking for another "South Park" outlet of entertainment, then find yourself a copy of "Milk and Cheese." It's well worth the \$2.75 price tag. I will warn you though, they may not be easy to find.

Everyone should thank Evan Dorkin for giving us "Milk and Cheese: Dairy Products Gone Bad."

The Buddhist bassist's tune

by Gene Yager
Rubik's cube

As the mist rose from the city, and the sun poked through the smog, a thin veil of smoke whispered a sad song from the opium pipe of a faceless man with no hands. The faceless man sat underneath a grate, ten feet below the sidewalk. Bustling China town, smelling of rotten fish and gunpowder waited above.

On Friday, the kid with the questions came by. The faceless man would listen to the boys questions, and smoke his opium pipe. One day, the little boy clink-clanked down the rusted steps to see the old man.

"Why don't you ever come up to the sidewalk?" the little boy asked in a half cantonese, half English created language.

"The sun must first set for it to once again rise" the old man slithered through a cloud of smoke.

The little boy continued to ask questions, and the old man continued to listen. Several seasons passed, and the little boy slowly drifted away from the old man. The boy, now a man, began to search for some undefinable goal, an unattainable perfection.

One night the boy had a dream. It was a warm summer night which cradled him that evening, gentle breezes cooled the room. In the dream, he slowly

approached a man in a huge open field. The man had his back to the boy, and a cloud of smoke surrounded his head. The boy approached the man, and somewhere a Buddhist bassist played a far-away tune. At the point where the earth met the sky, clicking and buzzing in the damp June air was a sign. SALVATION the sign read, in gargantuan, neon let-

"The sun must first

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again rise."

ters.

"It has always been there, on the horizon, hasn't it?" the boy asked the old man.

"Yes" the old man responded.

"But now it is too late, isn't it?" the boy asked.

"Yes, now it is too late."

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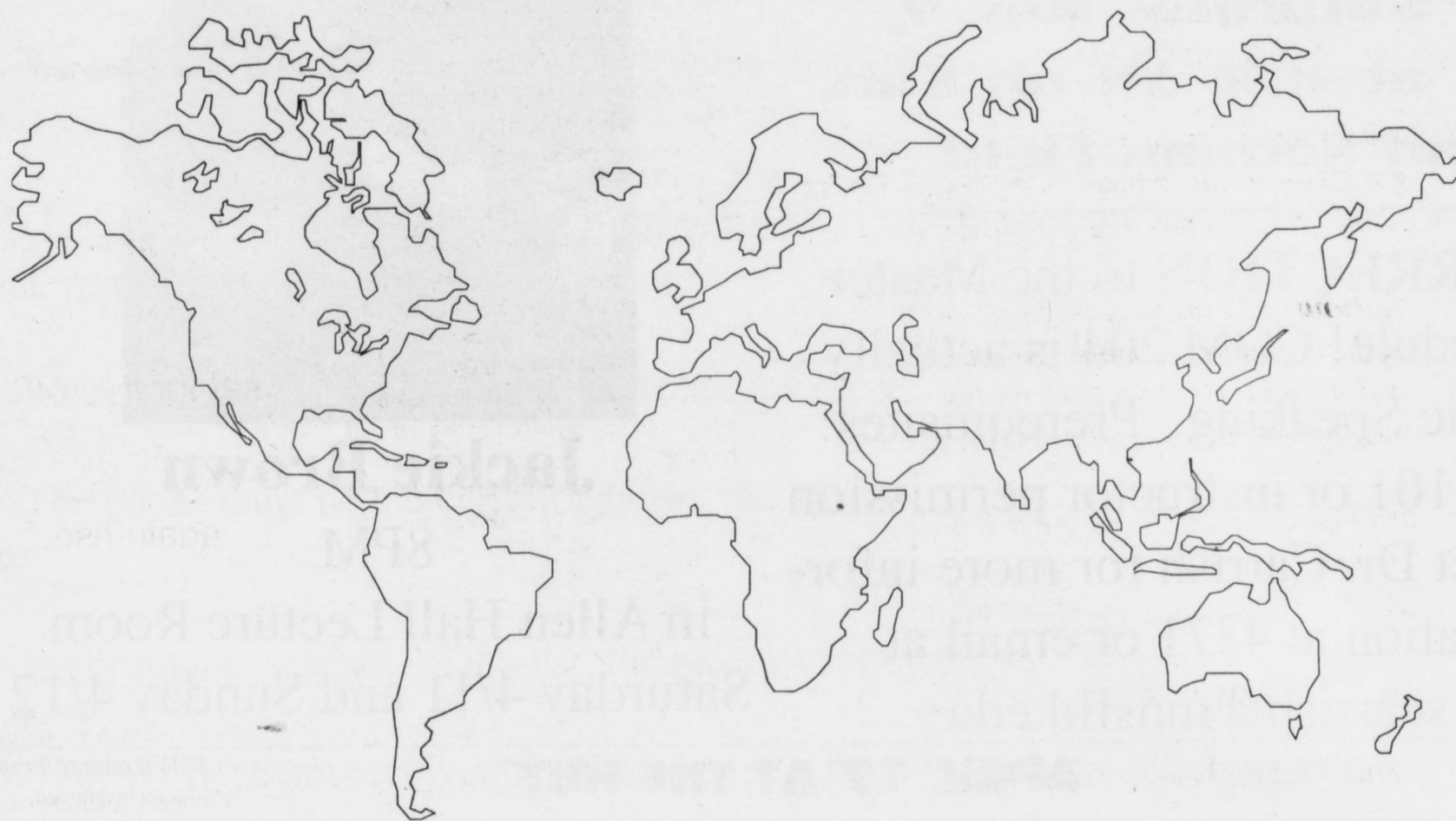
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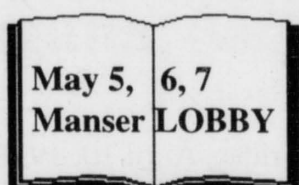
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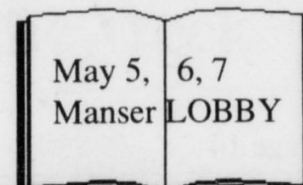
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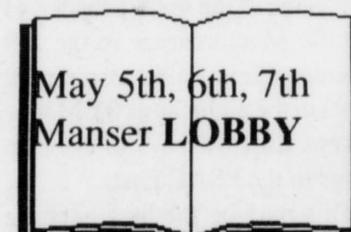
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Sports

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Friday, April 10, 1998

Viadella names 1998 Mountaineer football recruits

special to the Flashlight

Former Elmira Notre Dame High School standout Dan Bennett along with Williamsport's Ken Cormany highlight the twenty-nine signee's of the Mansfield University football recruiting class of 1998.

"We felt we needed to strengthen certain positions going into the recruiting process," said fourth year head coach Joe Viadella. "I think we did just that. We picked some very, very good quarterbacks and defensive backs along with a couple of other players that should be able to help out right away. I think it was a very successful recruiting season and the players we're bringing along with all of our re-

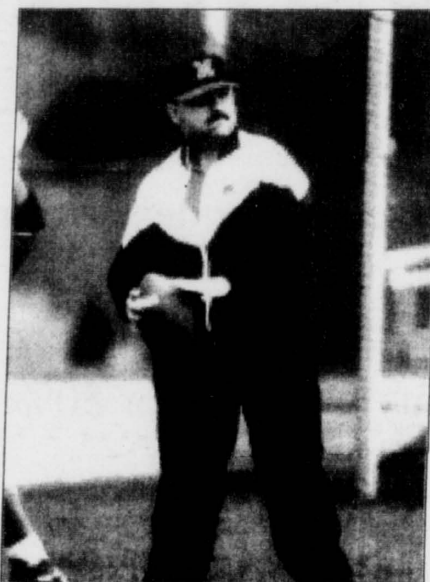


photo provided
Head coach Joe Viadella named the 1998 Mountaineer football recruits this past week.

turning lettermen should make us a much better team."

One of those needs was at quarterback where two-year starter Lucas Smith is the only player on the roster to take a snap at the collegiate level. Five recruits played the quarterback spot in high school.

The Mountaineers also were looking for defensive backs, signing ten players who saw action in the defensive backfield in high school including two-time All-State selection Matt Sharer of Tyrone.

Bennett, who originally signed with Division I William & Mary out of high school, will join fellow Notre Dame grads John Mayo and Brad Polk on the Mountaineers. He is expected to play free safety or wide

receiver.

Cormany, who played defensive tackle for Williamsport last season, may see time at defensive end in college.

Mansfield also signed four junior college transfers, and Viadella expects to add a number of other recruits before the end of the semester.

The Mountaineers return 17 starters from last season's 1-10 team, and open the 1998 season when they travel to West Liberty State College (WV) on September 5th.

Mountaineers end eight-game win streak with losses to ESU

by Jason Feather
sports editor

The week started with an eight-game win streak that was keyed by timely hitting and sensational pitching performances.

Last Saturday, the Mountaineers made the three hour trek to Kutztown University to do battle with the Golden Bears, and try to regain the top spot in the PSAC East which was occupied by Millersville.

Junior Chris McGee fanned 15 batters, including the first 10 he faced, in the opening game of the doubleheader, to help guide the Mountaineers to the 2-0 victory. Senior Chris Zallie also struck out 15 batters in the nightcap as the Mountaineers swept Kutztown 6-3 to even up the standings in the PSAC East.

"This may be the best pitching performance I've ever seen," head coach Harry Hillson said. "For two pitchers to strikeout 30 guys while allowing just one walk against a quality team is unheard of. It's a shame McGee didn't get the no-hitter to go with it. Zallie was just overpowering today, and a lot of scouts were there to watch it. He was throwing in the low 90's all day long, and their hitters just could not even get the bat on the ball."

Both pitchers were able to keep the Golden Bear hitters off-balance all day with their curve before blazing the fastball right by them.

After striking out the leadoff hitter looking, McGee canned the next nine batters swinging. It wasn't until the fifth innings that Kutztown was able to get their one and only hit of the day from Eric Clemmer.

Clemmer hit a liner to short center field that centerfielder Joe Skelly ran and slid for, but couldn't come up with. It was one of the two balls fit out of the infield by Kutztown during the game.

The Mountaineers lone run needed came in third inning when Mike Marconi singled, stole second and scored on a single by Adam Lewis. Scott Costa came across on a Marconi double for an insurance run in the seventh.

In the second game, Zallie's performance was almost identical with that



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Mountaineers third baseman Mike Marconi, led the Mountaineers offense attack this past week. The Mountaineers moved up to 13th in the NCAA Division II Baseball Poll this past week.

of McGee's, as he too kept the Kutztown hitters off balance with his fastball and curve.

He appeared to get stronger as the game went along, striking out seven in the final nine outs, and is second with 52 total in 30.0 innings.

The Mountaineers took a 1-0 lead with a run in the fifth when Marconi scored on a sacrifice fly by Corey Goodman. The Mountaineers then added five more in the sixth with Marconi and Derrick Nace plating two runs each and Goodman bringing home the final run of the game with a single.

The next day, the Mountaineers swept a doubleheader with St. John Fisher, 10-0 and 12-10.

Kris Kann picked up his first win of the season in the opener allowing just two hits while striking out five in six innings.

An 18-hit offensive explosion keyed by two home runs by Lewis and one each by AJ Hoenstine and Costa. Scot Wilcox went 4-4 with an RBI.

In the nightcap, the Mountaineers took a 10-1 lead into the bottom of the sixth inning before St. John Fisher rallied for nine runs, including a grand slam to tie the score.

In the top half of the seventh, Mansfield regained the lead when Costa led off with a walk and moved to third on a double by Lewis. He then scored on a wild pitch.

The saying goes, "All good things must come to an end," and the Mountie's reign of dominance did just that against East Stroudsburg on Wednesday afternoon.

ESU stopped Mansfield's win streak at eight by sweeping the doubleheader 9-8 and 6-5. It was the first time since 1986, the Warriors have accomplished feat.

In the opener, the Mountaineers took a 2-0 lead after the top part of the first inning, but East Stroudsburg rattled off nine runs in

their first three at-bats against Mansfield starter Tim Watkins.

Dan Ebersole came on in relief in the third, and held ESU hitless the rest of the game. Mansfield chipped away at the lead scoring four runs in the top of the seventh. With two outs, Mike Mellott doubled and took third with the tying run when Shannon Gunby popped out to third to end the game.

In the second game, Mansfield was again forced to play from behind, going down 2-0 in the first inning. They fought back, but to no avail.

The losses drop the Mountaineers to 18-7 overall and 5-3 in the PSAC East. Mansfield will host conference rival Shippensburg this afternoon in a PSAC East doubleheader.

Track team competes at Ithaca Invitational

special to the Flashlight

Freshman Lamar Crawford recorded four top four performances to lead the Mansfield University men's track and field team to a 13th place finish at the Ithaca College Invitational Saturday.

Crawford earned third place finishes in the 110 meter hurdles (16.22), triple jump (41-08.0), and high jump (6.00.0) while finishing fourth in the long jump (20.05.75).

Freshman Todd Stewart was sixth in the 5,000 meters with a time of 15:54.3.

In the women's competition the Mounties finished 11th with Kim Carman leading the way.

Carman finished in a three-way tie for first place in the pole vault with a jump of 6-09.0. Karen Krouse took third in the shot put with a heave of 30-02.25 and finished sixth in the javelin with a toss of 81-03.0.

The Mountaineers travel to the Shippensburg Invitational this Saturday.

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Pagana, McGee named the *Flashlight's* Co-Athletes of the Week



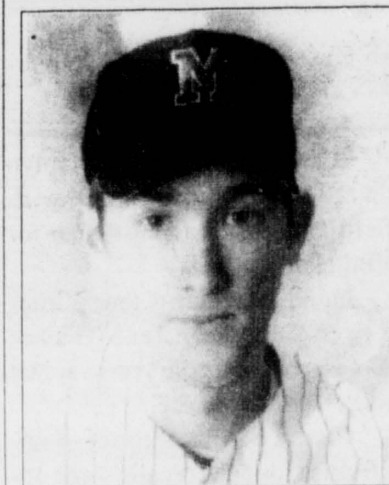
Rosie Pagana

This week the *Flashlight* is proud to honor, sophomore catcher Rosie Pagana and junior right-handed pitcher Chris McGee, members of the Mansfield Mountaineers softball and baseball teams as its Co-Athletes of the Week.

McGee was also honored with PSAC Eastern Division honors by being selected PSAC East Pitcher of the Week. McGee's teammate, Mike Marconi, was also named the PSAC East Player of the Week giving the Mountaineers a sweep of the conference's honors.

McGee threw a one-hit, complete game shutout over Kutztown University in helping the Mountaineers win the front end of a doubleheader sweep of the Golden Bears. McGee came within a pitch of throwing a perfect game. He struck out a career-high 15 batters, including the first ten, and retired the first 15 batters he faced, while walking none. The 10 straight strikeouts also set a school record.

Pagana led the Mountie softball team to a split of their two doubleheader contests this past week going 3-3 with a double and two RBIs in the opening win over Millersville. She then went 3-4 with two doubles and three RBIs in the first-game win over Kutztown.



Tim McGee

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Mountie softball splits doubleheaders with Millersville and Kutztown, record now 9-12

by Tracy Strupp
softball reporter

The Mountie softball team picked up their first PSAC wins this past week and snapped their seven game losing streak. Splitting a doubleheader against Millersville on Sunday, and Kutztown on Tuesday, the Mounties improve their overall record to 9-12, and conference record to 2-8.

On Sunday, the Mounties dropped the first game of the doubleheader 10-5. Sophomore catcher Rosie Pagana, the *Flashlight's* Athlete of the Week, had an outstanding day at the plate going 3-3 with a double and two RBIs.

In the second game, Mansfield stepped up their hitting, and defeated the Marauders, 11-2. Junior Daniellè Terrell hit an over the fence home run in the bottom of the third. Terrell ended the game 2-3 with five RBIs. Sophomore Kris Petersen hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the sixth inning to end the game by the eight-run rule.

The two home runs were the first the Mounties ever hit two over the Lutes Field fence in one game since they started play there in 1996.

Junior Chris Storrs also had an excellent game, going 2-3 with a double and an RBI. Freshman pitcher Angie Crater picked up the win for the Mounties.

Tuesday at Kutztown, the Mounties started off strong winning the

first game of the doubleheader 7-2. Pagana again continued to dominate with her bat. Going 3-4, she had two doubles and three RBIs. Junior center fielder Brooke McManus also shared some of the spotlight, going 2-3 with an RBI. Sophomore Kelly Morris picked her first career PSAC win on the mound.

As the season passes the midway point, the Mounties's 9-12 overall record and 2-8 PSAC East record, places them sixth in their conference. Terrell is fourth in the conference in doubles, with five.

The Mounties next home game is this Saturday against East Stroudsburg. Game time is scheduled for 1 p.m. at Helen Lutes Field.

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Mansfield custodian and friend retires

by Josh Cusatis
features editor

Today is the last day of Marilyn Doud's 29 year employment with Mansfield University as custodian for Memorial Hall.

Doud is retiring today after having been a custodian for MU since 1969. Co-workers over the years say that she will be hard to replace.

Clarence Crisp, director of student activities for MU, recalls some observations about Doud's time here.

"It's kind of like clockwork," Crisp said. "You could set your watch to her. Her efficiency is just superb. She's a part of what we are here. She's a friend. I've already invited myself over to her place for a couple of times."

Crisp was impressed with Doud's working attitude.

"She always maintained a good disposition," Crisp said. "Even when she was angry, she wouldn't let it show."

Crisp added that his time with Doud was good.

"It's been a pleasure to work with her," Crisp said. "I wish her all the luck in the world with her retirement. I don't know what Barb will do without her to clean up the cracker crumbs under her desk."

Barb Morgan, secretary at the Student Activities Office, has nothing but good remarks about Doud.

"She's so nice and very helpful," Morgan said. "She takes things home if they need to be washed and she even defrosts the refrigerators in the spring. If it needed to be done, she did it. She's a very nice lady and a lovely person."

Morgan agreed with Crisp's statement about Doud's disposition.



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Always hard at work, Memorial Hall custodian Marilyn Doud replaces a mop head. Doud begins her retirement today after 29 years of service to Mansfield University.

"She's never been annoyed with anyone or anything," Morgan said. "She takes it all in stride."

Morgan also praised Doud's work ethic.

"Some people just do their

work because they have to," Morgan said. "She sets her own standards. She even changed her schedule to make sure she finished everything before she leaves for her retirement."

Morgan said that she will miss Doud.

"I've been begging her to not retire until I do," Morgan said. "She's always here before me and I don't know what it will be like to come into an empty office every morning."

Tom Johnston, director of the student union at MU, said that he looked at Doud as a model for living life.

"She's a model of what a person should be," Johnston said. "Even during breaks of the summer, she was always working. I'll bet that on Fri-

Johnston said that he used to take Doud's work ethic to his advantage and play jokes on her.

"I would call her while she was on vacation," Johnston said. "I tell her that she had to come in and do something. She always said she'd be in but she never came."

Johnston also said that Doud's good points extend beyond just her work ethic.

"She's one of the nicest people I've met in life," Johnston said. "She doesn't scream or yell. She never gets upset."

Johnston added that Doud absence will affect him.

"I'm really going to miss her," Johnston said. "She's had a real effect on me and she really cares about the students. It's not just me that her leaving will have an effect on either. The building (Memorial Hall) looks good now but what's it going to look like in the future."

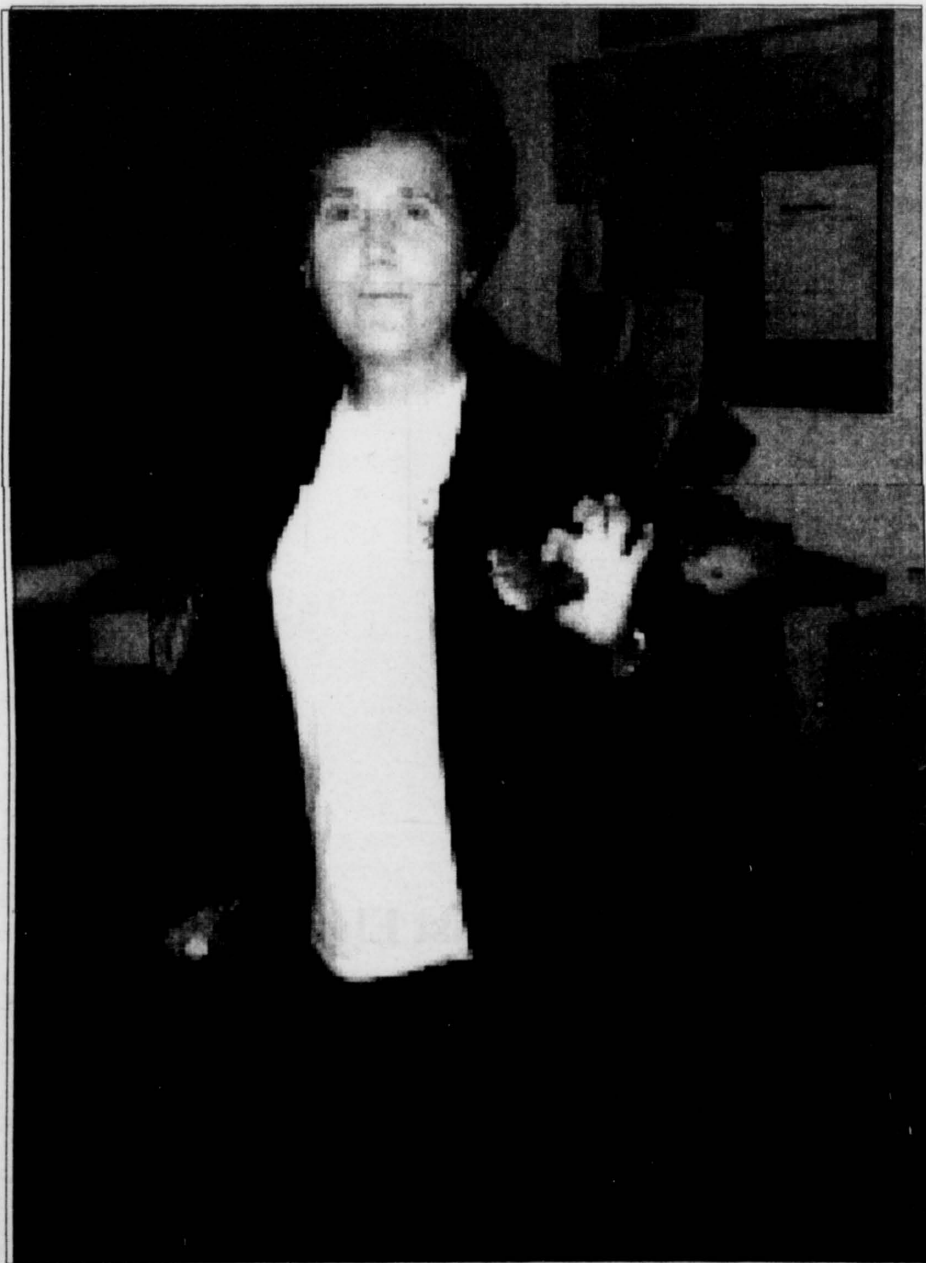


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Doud pauses from her busy schedule to have a bit to eat. Student Activities secretary said, "She always said that we would never catch her eating on the job. She wasn't working then."

Bill Koernig, custodial services manager for MU, said he knew Doud since the first day he worked here.

"I worked with her in Maple as a custodian," Koernig said. "She was here 18 years ago when I started. She taught me what I needed to know and was willing to help anybody with anything."

Like everyone else, Koernig said that Doud has an easy attitude.

"She never got angry or upset," Koernig said. "She has a very sweet disposition. When I was promoted to her supervisor, she didn't have any problem with it. Sometimes people do but not her. She's a wonderful person, co-worker and employee."

Koernig said that he is not upset to see Doud leave.

"I'm happy for her in her retirement," Koernig said. "She deserves it. She's been here for a long time and she's worked hard. I'm definitely going to miss her. I never had to worry about her work being done like I do sometimes with other people. With her, I always knew the work would be done."

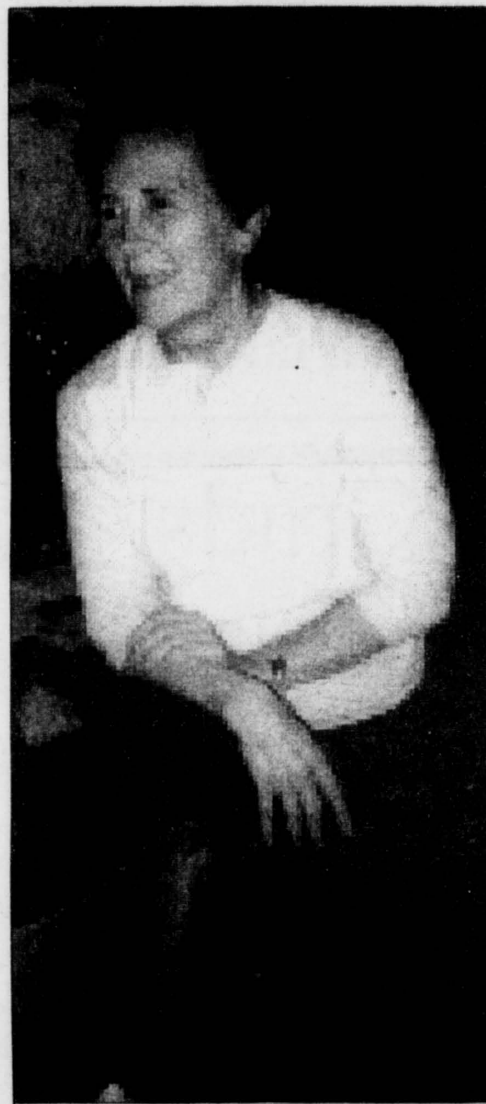


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Hosey, Gallagher win SGA by a landslide SGA approves COF budget after lengthy debate surrounding funds

Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

Current vice president Michele Hosey and current treasurer E.J. Gallagher were elected to head the Student Government Association next year as the results of a landslide victory were calculated Thursday night.

The polls closed Thursday night at 6 P.M. after two days of elections. Hosey received almost 210 votes more for the presidency than her nearest opponent, Rob Thomas and Gallagher's 221 votes surpassed James Moyer's 116 for the office of vice president.

SGA advisor Joe Maresco, who tabulated the votes and reported them to the Flashlight, described the election turnout as "a little low" but said it is reflective of the country.

"Unfortunately it is about on par with the national average," he said.

Gallagher will replace the vacancy left by Hosey as she becomes current SGA President Steve Winnie's successor, who she feels helped ready her for the position.

"I am lucky to have served under a great president," she said. "He has definitely prepared for this."

Although the two won't officially assume the offices until April 27, they have already begun planning for next year.

"E.J. and I are looking forward to the coming year and are working on goals for next year," she said.

Gallagher edged out Moyer and Charles Eckhart, who also ran for president. Gallagher appreciatively accepted the news of his victory Thursday night.

"I am truly grateful that the student body of Mansfield University has chosen to represent them as vice president of SGA," he said. "I look forward to serving the campus community in the next year."

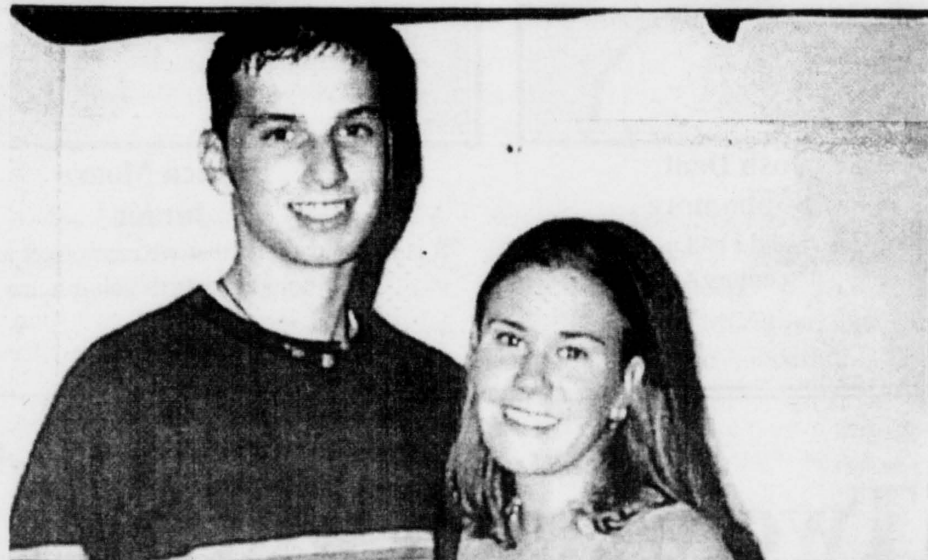


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E.J. Gallagher, left, and Michele Hosey celebrated their victory shortly after learning they won the election. Gallagher will serve as vice president under Hosey in 98-99.

Hosey also expressed her appreciation to the students.

"I am fortunate and thankful to serve as the first female president of SGA," she said.

Earlier in the week, at the regular Monday night SGA meeting, sena-

tors approved the proposed COF allocations for next semester after a lengthy debate surrounding funding.

Senators questioned glaring differences between last year's allocations and this year's proposal.

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Former first lady raises scholarship funds during MU visit



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Barbara Bush addressed a group mainly consisting of Political Science students before addressing a general audience in Decker Gymnasium Tuesday.

Gene Yager
news editor

Former first lady Barbara Bush spoke and fielded questions from an audience of political science majors in the North Hall reading room during her visit Tuesday, April 14th.

The discussion was a part of "Faith, Family and Friends: Reflections of my public and private lives; An Evening with Barbara Bush."

"I am the parent of thousands, and the grandparent of millions," Bush opened the discussion by saying.

One student in attendance, Ian Kaiser, asked Bush if she thought there was a crisis with community in the United States.

"I think we have a crisis of family," Bush said. "The most important things that are done are done in the

home. If you want something done well, you should do it yourself, and start in the home."

Bush went on to emphasize self reliance.

"You have to prove that you can take care of yourself," Bush said. "You have to build in your own communities. The community is where it is. We have to do it ourselves. We can't expect other people to do it for us."

Bush also stressed the importance of children to the audience.

"It is our responsibility that if we have children, we must take care of them. Talking is cheap, doing is important. We have become cynical and turned off and that isn't going to help anybody."

Student Government President Steve Winnie told Bush of his political aspirations after he graduates, and asked Bush for advice.

"It is very important to give credit to others. Our son accomplished

so much more in Texas by giving credit to others in government. I think that you really have to like people (to be a politician)."

Bush went on to explain the power of books, and reading. Bush strongly recommended the book *The Color of Water* to the students in attendance.

"It is the story of what can happen in America if you've got a mother who pushes" Bush said.

Bush attempted to dispel the thought that politicians are bad people.

"Most people in Washington are there because they want to do something good."

Bush ended her discussion by telling of some of the most impressive people she has ever met.

"We met Nelson Mandela," she said. "Unfortunately, we also met Mrs. Mandela; that wasn't so awe-inspiring."

Block party planned for annual Maplefest event this weekend

by Joe Wagner
managing editor

Maplefest will be joined this year by the first annual Mansfield University block party to be held on April 18 on Clinton Street between Laurel Manor and Maple Hall.

The All Residence Hall Council (AHRC) is sponsoring the free block party. The all day event is the first community wide block party on the Mansfield University campus.

"The block party is funded by the students and we are trying to give back to the students," Bill Weimer, the AHRC president, said. "Basically what is going on is that we are giving twenty-five different campus organizations a chance to do

fund raisers and interact with students and the community."

The block party, in conjunction with the Maplefest Celebration, will run from 12:00 noon until the evening.

Admission is free for all and a portion of the proceeds from the activities will be donated to help the local churches.

AHRC is sponsoring an outside entertainment company, Bobby K Entertainment, for a series of events.

These events will include a human joust, bouncy boxing, bungee bouncing, a human gyroscope, a hands on vehicle demolition, and a dunking booth featuring Vice President Joe Maresco.

There will also be a barbecue and a battle of the bands compe-

tition with over 20 bands competing. Several campus organizations, sororities and fraternities will also be holding different events, games, and booths during the Maplefest celebration. Many Mansfield businesses have donated prizes for the different contests to be held.

There will be an obstacle course set up at Cedarcrest and a Tarot Card reading set up at Pinecrest. Laurel Manor will host a goldfish toss while the Criminal Justice club will hold a hot dog eating contest.

Mansfield's campus radio station, WNTS 89.5, will also be holding a live broadcast during the block party and the battle of the bands.

"There are so many things that different organizations are do-

ing," Weimer said. "I bet that through advancing the word by word of mouth and through radio and advertisements we are going to have about two thousand students show up."

"I am also expecting about two thousand people from the community to be there."

Weimer said that Manser dining service is going to help feed all those who partake in the block party festivities.

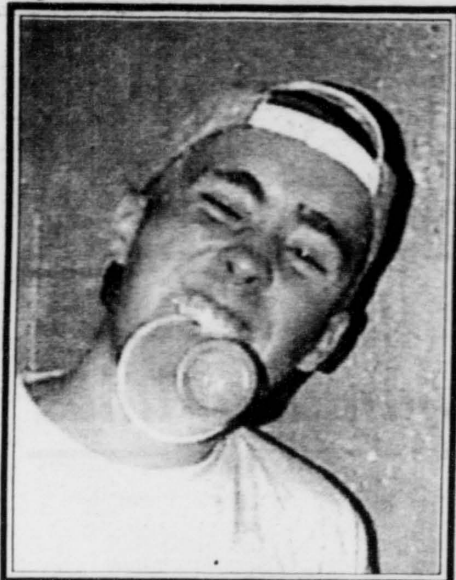
Manser will provide food enough for 5,000 people. AHRC will only be responsible for paying for what they used.

"We are hoping to set a standard for years to come," Weimer said. "We are trying to show that Mansfield University wants to get involved with the community."

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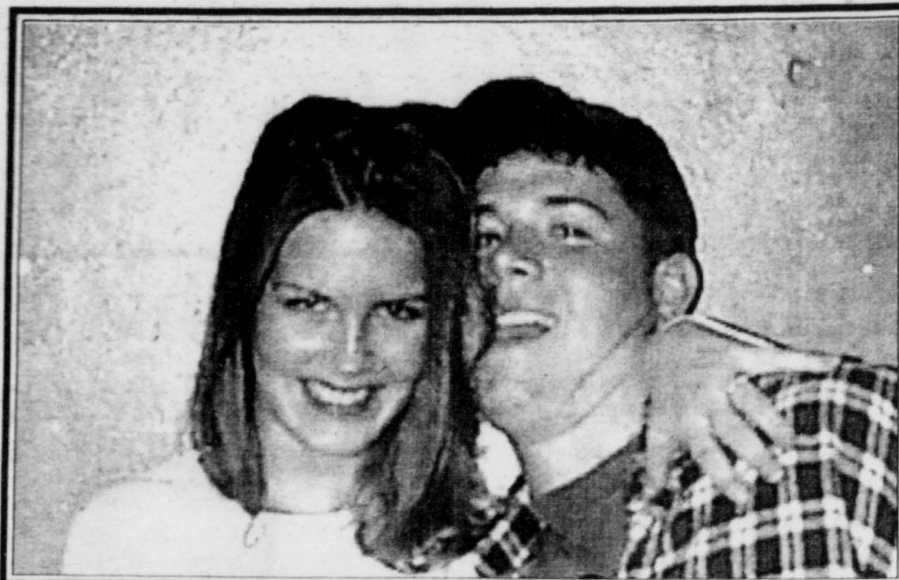
"Did you go home for Easter?"

by Darren A. Meehan



Josh Dent
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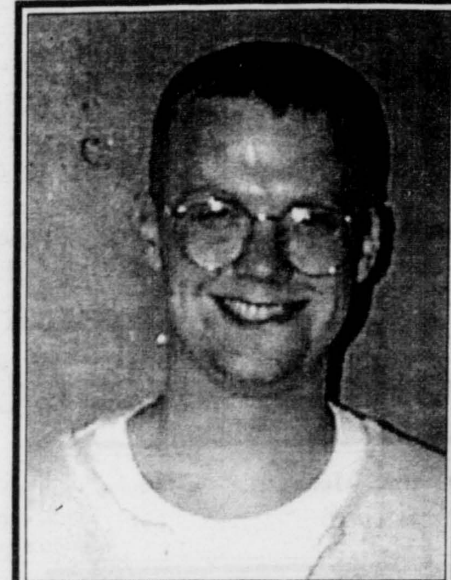
"I like Easter and I had no Easter this century."



Jessica Moore
Junior

"It is really pathetic that we cannot get a single day off for Easter holiday. It's not even worth going home for a regular weekend."

Tyler DeLong
Senior



Kris Baker
Senior

"No. The people who run this school must not have families."

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Among the considerable changes on the proposal was a \$42,000 reduction for the Mansfield Activities Council, who will receive \$31,500 next year.

SGA was also cut \$1000, but Winnie found the COF deliberations as a time of evaluation after a year of "foolish funding", as Rob Thomas earlier described SGA's spending.

"We felt we misused some money for the past year," Winnie said.

An effort to table the approval until Monday, April 20, when senators would be given more infor-

mation regarding requests and other materials was rejected.

Senators were given an oral list of amounts each organization was allocated last year. Gallagher suggested that SGA continue with the discussion because time was running out for this semester.

"If this is going to be objective and representative, we need to get this process moving," he said, noting that the proposed allocations needed to be approved and signed by President Rod Kelchner.

Gallagher felt tabling the issue would cause an inconvenience for COF and Kelchner, who is prepping for retirement at the end of the semester.

Advocacy Association events:

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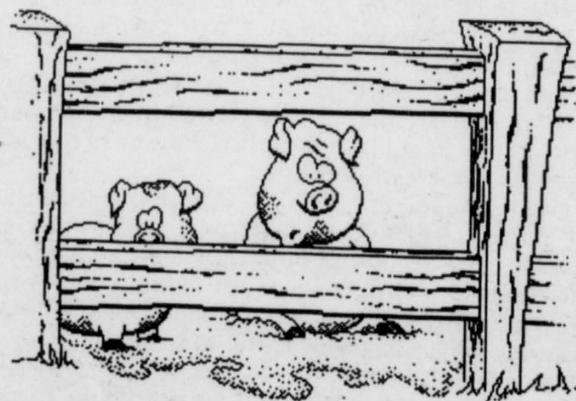
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Forum focuses on establishing peace in Bosnia

Thomas A. Jones
wire editor

As part of the University's Global Issues week, a forum entitled "Peace Building in the Global Community" was held on Thursday, April 16 at 3pm in Manser North Dining Hall.

The forum focused on the problem of establishing a long lasting peace in the Bosnia-Herzegovina region. It was lead by Dr. Chris Schumaker, a Vice-president of a strategic planning group at MPRI. Assisting in the discussion were Mansfield faculty Dr. Murphy of the English department and Dr. Murray of the Psychology department, and Rev. Vanderhill a local priest and lawyer.

"As a nation, maybe we're beginning to lose interest in global politics," said Schumaker. "As Americans we don't really care all that much about what happens in Rwanda, Chechnya, and Sarajevo."

Schumaker explained that what happens to us in places far removed can no longer be a point of indifference.

"The concept of the nation-state is waning," he said.

Schumaker pointed out that humans as a species are guilty of not fixing the problem in advance.

"We don't act as a global community until it is too late, and by too late I mean too many people have died," he said. "When international politics fail, people die."

Other times, we recognize a problem, but we don't know how to act.

To solve this problem, Schumaker states that we have to create structures and institutions and resources to deal with problems.

"There is a key element," he said. "The institutionalization of an integrated structure." This structure must have the authority to prevent deadly conflicts.

Dr. Murray of the Mansfield University Psychology department next spoke regarding the psychological aspects of international conflicts.

"My view as a psychologist is why don't we as human beings get along with each other," he said.

Mansfield University English Professor Murphy said "Conflict resolution is not as sexy a topic as it should be, because its not personal."

His experiences as manager of railroad labor relations taught him that

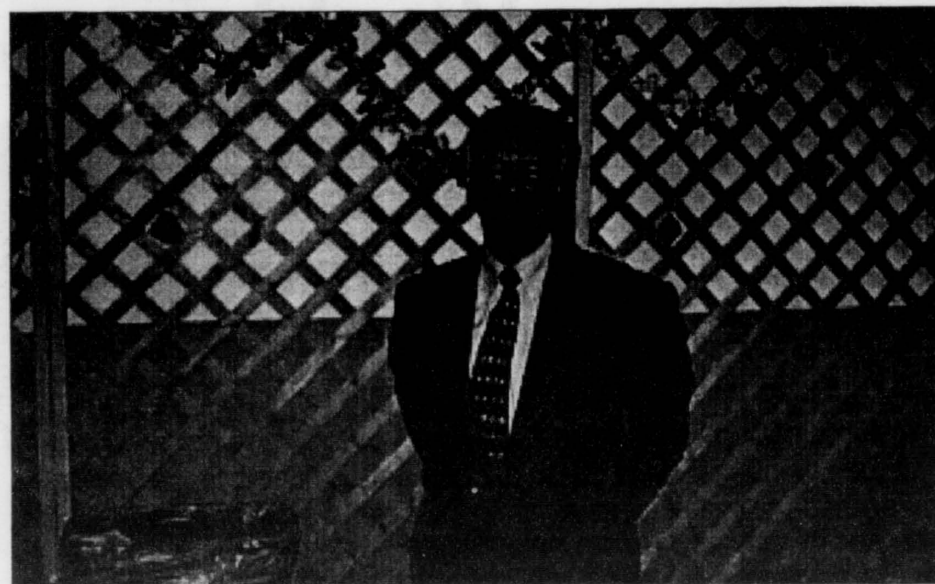


photo by Thom Jonze

Dr. Chris Schumaker headed a forum which focused on the problem of establishing a long-lasting peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

asserting his position is not a good way to build community.

"There is something to be gained by the collaborative search for truth," said Murphy.

Rev. Vanderhill planned to question how much of a bureaucratic nightmare this new international organization would create, but after

Schumaker's speech he was satisfied that such an organization could be created with minimal problems.

"The one frustration that was not answered," said Vanderhill. "We really need to start with educating Americans that we are part of this global community. That's where it has to start."



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Mansfield University fraternity Phi Beta Sigma slept in the South Hall mall Thursday night to collect clothing for the homeless.

World famous Austrian choir performs at Steadman Theatre

Katie Evans
assistant news editor

It is often said that music is the universal language. This proved true last night in Steadman Theatre, who was host to the Austrian Choir Sine Nomine. They are an a cappella group making it's first United States Tour, housed by community members and students during their stay here in Mansfield. Sine Nomine is Latin for Without Name. They are a mixed group of students and community members from Vienna. Their sound was pure, and their harmonies were perfect, their sounds blended together to create an ocean of melodies. Their songs were in German, with the exception of their versions of Clementine, and Shenandoah. They performed both sacred and secular music, and some folk songs, composed by Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Brahms, and Bach.

They rehearse only six times a month, for three hours. Their director and founder, Johannes Hiemetsberger, was charming and in-

troduced his chorus in his somewhat broken English. He conducted impressively, with flowing movements that seemed effortless as he coaxed the notes out of his singers. He is twenty-seven, but he and his choir members have achieved great notoriety in the past seven years of their existence. They have presented concerts in Austria, Italy, Germany, and this is their second stop in the U.S. There was no intermission and the choir found their starting notes by the tuning fork that Hiemetsberger used. They were strong, with dynamics that made Hiemetsberger seem to be a musical Pied Piper.

Near the close of the show, Hiemetsberger taught the audience a short song, that they sang in a round with the chorus. They turned the tables and applauded for the audience at the end. They seemed excited, and were eager for the chance to speak, as several of them introduced the songs in their best English.

The Choir has won first place awards in the past, at competitions at the Austrian Bundesjugendsingen, in the Firilege vocal in Tours, France, and at the Austrian International competition in 1995, 1996, and 1997.

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Pol Pot dead at 73



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Marxist Pol Pot in happier times.

ANLONG VENG, Cambodia - Cheating pursuers who believed they were days away from capturing him for trial, toppled Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot died in the jungle - evading prosecution in the deaths of as many as 2 million countrymen. He was 73.

Cambodians wept in disappointment after hearing that Pol Pot had died of heart failure

Wednesday in a hut barely 275 yards from the Thai border, even as the last diehard members of his vanquished movement were moving toward surrendering him to an international tribunal.

"He deserved to die. I am only sorry that he died so easily without being tried," sobbed Kim Saren, whose entire family - mother, father and eight brothers and sisters - died under Pol Pot's regime.

The Khmer Rouge and the Thai military showed an Associated Press photographer the body Thursday, seeking to ease doubts about the often-rumored death.

Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge ruled Cambodia from 1975 to 1979, killing everyone who stood in the way of remaking the country into a Marxist agrarian regime. One person in five died of starvation, illness or execution.

North and South Korea meet the first time in 4 years for peace talks



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The Demarcation Line between North and South Korea has been the subject of recent peace talks.

BEIJING (AP) - Meeting for the first time in four years, North and South Korea began talks Sunday on aid to the starving North, reuniting families split by the Korean War and other issues dividing the bitter rivals.

Washington is keenly interested in the meeting, saying it could stir progress in separate peace talks aimed at ending the 45-year-old military standoff across the heavily armed Korean border, the last active Cold War battle line.

The two sides also agreed to discuss exchanging envoys for more in-depth talks and resuming official cross-border contacts, said Jeong Se-hyun, head of the South Korean delegation.

The two sides have had little contact since the 1950-53 Korean War, and never signed a peace treaty. They were preparing in 1994 to hold the first summit meeting of their leaders, but that was canceled after the death of the North's longtime

leader, Kim Il Sung.

After meeting for two hours Saturday and another two hours Sunday morning at a Beijing hotel, diplomats from the two sides gathered Sunday afternoon to discuss the issues in detail.

The talks recessed after an hour and were to resume Monday, said Chun Kum Chul, head of the North Korean delegation.

Jeong, the South Korean diplomat, said earlier that he was "carefully optimistic" but set no deadline for agreement.

"We do not believe all the issues will be solved in one shot," he said at a news conference.

The North appears to have been encouraged to resume contacts by overtures from the South Korean government of newly elected President Kim Dae-jung.

North Korea has suffered three years of disastrously bad harvests.

President Clinton addresses crowd on race in sports



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President Clinton leaves a dialogue on race held in Texas this past week.

HOUSTON (AP) - Giving a sharper focus to his national dialogue on race, President Bill Clinton urged Americans to look to the world of sports as an example of how individuals of different races can join in a common effort.

"It is important that people see that in athletics in America that the rules are fair, that people get their fair chance," Clinton said in leading off a 105-minute nationally televised discussion Tuesday on the role of race in sports.

An avid fan of college basketball and major professional sports, Clinton is well versed in sensitive issues like white dominance in coaching and sports team ownership. He said

that if professional sports wants more minority coaches but cannot find them, "then there's something wrong with recruitment."

The meeting, broadcast live on the cable television sports network ESPN, was the second of Clinton's three planned nationally televised town hall meetings on race. The first was in Akron last December.

The 11-member panel discussed several topics but returned often to the relative shortage of minorities in top sports management jobs. Georgetown University basketball coach John Thompson said blacks must be given more opportunities, even if they are not seen as sure-fire coaching successes right away.

"I'm sick of us having to be perfect to get the job," Thompson said. But Thompson took exception when former Cleveland Browns running back Jim Brown also suggested that black college stars turn more often to black agents in launching their professional sports careers.

Joe Morgan, a member of baseball's Hall of Fame, said baseball has made only small progress.

While noting that some of the greatest players in baseball history are black, "once they're finished, there is no place for

them to go" in the sport business, he said.

Clinton said he was optimistic that talking about race in the context of sports can help the nation deal with broader racial issues.

"America, rightly or wrongly, is a sports crazy country," he said. "And we often see games as a metaphor or symbol of what we are as a people."

At the close of Tuesday's program, Clinton said he hoped the message would get through to America's youth that athletics can help develop racial harmony.

"The lessons learned from athletics carry over into good citizenship, including attitudes about people of different races," Clinton said. "If that happens, we're going to be a lot better off."

Black men have found enormous success in American sports. Many of the best marketed and highest paid professional athletes, such as basketball's Michael Jordan and baseball's Ken Griffey Jr., are black. Yet certain glamour positions, such as quarterback in professional football, are dominated by whites.

Latinos are making a growing impact in major league baseball, where they comprise 24 percent of all players.

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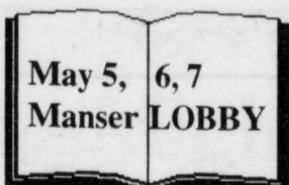
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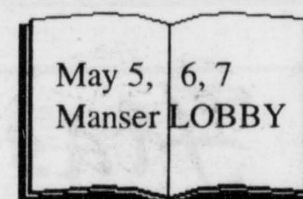
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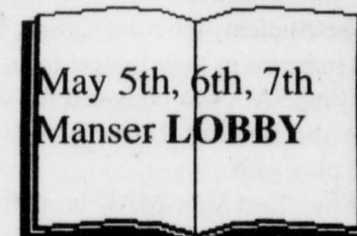


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COF with tight grip on the purse strings

Last week the Mansfield University Committee on Finance (COF) decided what they were going to allocate to each of the campus organizations that requested money from COF, a student government committee, is a student run organization.

COF's budget for this semester was a total of \$460,000. This year, COF allocated a greater amount of money to 25 organizations who brought their case before the committee. Twenty four organizations had their budgets cut and the rest received the same amount of money or did not ask for an allocation.

When one looks down at the list of who gets what, a couple things jump off from the page at you. The Mansfield Activities Council (MAC) had their \$74,000 budget cut by more than half. Instead of being able to play with 70 grand, MAC now has a budget of \$34,000 this semester.

The Student Activities Office, however, got the largest increase in their budget from the previous year. Last year SAO was budgeted for only \$20,000. COF gave the Student Activities Office an extra \$20,500 to play with.

Why? Last year MAC brought in acts like Wyclif Jean and the WWA. Both were arguably good shows but they flopped. Hard. These shows did not make up very much of the money that they spent. The fact that there has not been a really good show since Live does not help MAC either.

Live is a tough act to follow up on. But MAC will never be able to pull in another great act like Live if they do not have enough money. Instead of giving MAC a decent sum, what COF did was give that money to SAO. What SAO is going to do is police the actions of MAC by controlling most of the capital that the two entities could possibly share.

Another thing that jumps off the page at you is the fact that Mansfield athletics gets \$195,000. Athletics did not see a great increase in the money they received from COF last year as they got just \$2,000 more.

Now some of you out there in Mansfield Land are probably saying things like: "What do I ever get out of the athletic programs?" and "Lots of Mansfield teams stink. They have horrible records and don't do anything for the school except give us somebody to laugh at when they get killed."

Well here it is folks. Mansfield athletics are an awful lot like MAC. The only difference is that Mansfield athletics got the extra money that they needed. For example, the Mountaineer football team was able to bring in 29 recruits this season. Head Coach Joe Viadella said he would like to get even more by the end of the semester. Mansfield football would not be able to do this if they did not get a healthy piece of the athletic budget pie.

When it comes down to whether COF is doing their job the right way, it depends on which side of the fence you are standing and if the greenbacks are greener on the other side.



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Commentary

Flashlight Editor makes Maplefest prediction

Darren A. Meehan

This weekend, MU will host another Maplefest and they have even included a block party in the festivities. As one of the people responsible said in this week's preview article, he hopes there are somewhere around 3,000 or 4,000 people attending.

Well, he can wish in one hand and crap in the other. He'll get the participation he wants from the people downtown, I'll bet. But I bet he won't see even a fraction of the students he thinks will be there.

It's not because of poor planning. I know firsthand that many people have spent months making and arranging all of the plans for this event. They know that Maplefest is a big deal on this campus and they have worked themselves ragged making sure they don't disappoint.

And, for everyone who does

go, I can safely assume they'll have a good time. This year, there are so many new things to do that we could really be seeing the first of a long tradition of block parties. But there will be no tradition if there are no students tomorrow.

If the low turnout I anticipate becomes a reality, this thing will be history before it even gets started and it would be as big a disappointment as April Fool's Day's South Park.

Imagine the pressure on the organizers. Just like any sports team, they have spent months preparing for the big game. Unlike any sports team, they get one shot at it.

If the softball or football or baseball team loses, they can usually take solace in the fact that they'll be able to go out on the field again soon and claim victory. If we print an issue of the Flashlight that is less than the standards the students have come to expect, we know

we'll spend next Thursday night grating at each other's nerves until someone has to leave for a little while to "calm down".

But for the people putting together the block party, this is it. Put up or shut up. If it is as much of a success as it could be, everyone will look forward to next year and the organizers will get the pats on the back they deserve. If it is like any of the film and lectures or many of the other countless things students "don't have to do at MU", they'll hear about it for at least a year.

If you don't believe me, consider what has happened with the Mansfield Activities Council lately. One year they bring Live and *BANG*, MAC is all that and a bag of chips. And then, after a string of difficulties like Wyclef (need I say more), students see MAC as, well, a bag.

I don't want to seem like one of the detractors. I fully support both

MAC and ARHC, the people organizing Maplefest, and I hope Saturday's events are a huge success.

I'll be there for a little while tomorrow and I hope I see a large turnout. If I don't, I won't be surprised, but I'll be disappointed.

At least I can look on the bright side: if there is a low attendance, I'll have plenty of ammo for next week's commentary.

School property taxes get a victory

BY Scott Charton, AP

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Sifting the results of last week's vote on Constitutional Amendment 3, allowing Kansas City to keep its court-mandated level of property tax for schools, one conclusion looms.

It won BIG. Big, in collecting 70 percent of the statewide vote. Big, in carrying every area except two rural counties. Big, as the payoff for a well-funded advertising campaign that tapped outstate voter resentment about the long-running Kansas City school desegregation case.

Now, backers of Senate-passed legislation laying out state education spending once court orders dissolve in Kansas City and St. Louis schools say they have extra momentum. They consider Amendment 3's hearty margin of approval an unequivocal message from Missourians long frustrated about the outflow of nearly \$3 billion to urban districts at their own students' expense.

"I presented Amendment 3 to my folks back home as their first opportunity to be able to vote their feelings on the deseg cases," said Sen. James Mathewson, D-Sedalia. "My folks told me, well, I don't need to know anything else."

Amendment 3, the desegregation bill and talks inside and outside courtrooms all are elements of mapping an eventual exit from the costly cases, a challenge comparable to finding car keys in a head-high snowdrift.

The Senate voted 26-8 last week to send the desegregation bill to the House, where the Education Committee is to consider it Tuesday evening.

The bill aims to distribute predicted savings from the desegregation cases to all school districts, but especially those with high levels of poverty, both urban and rural. It also creates charter schools, and sets up a temporary but powerful three-member body to ramrod reforms in St. Louis while supplanting the current school board. Eventually, voters would elect a new board to take over presumably better-run schools.

Senators were no strangers to the whole subject; long debate in past sessions and adoption of about two dozen floor amendments this time around consumed days on end.

Philosophy student peeved with COF

by Marquand Brown

I'm writing this letter on the behalf of all the concerned students. I am very displeased and upset with the results of the Committee on Finance budget decisions this past week. Looking at the results, the committee seemed to make some very unstable decisions. According to the results, many clubs were cut in half all the way down to receiving nothing at all while other budgets were doubled. This seems to be a very unsettling way of making decisions. As a concerned student and prominent member of two organizations on campus I must say that I am very unsatisfied with this.

The Philosophy Club, which makes many campus contributions and I am president of, was cut from \$750 to \$495. The over all cost of the Synapse, which is an annual publication, is \$500. It can clearly be seen that we do not have enough money to fund a publication that has been around for 23 years. However, we are going to struggle to put it out next year anyway. After Synapse is put out, we will not have enough money to put on any other events for which we are responsible for. These would be prominent speakers, movie activities, and other programs that are relevant to the academic standards of this campus.

The process seems to be somewhat biased. There seems to me that

when all students are on the committee, they seem to make decisions most concerning them in a more positive way. It is my understanding that these persons are not allowed to vote on clubs in which they are members. They are however allowed to vote for clubs in which there own C.O.F brothers and sisters are members of. I am not saying this is the case but I think it certainly opens up the possibility. Maybe there can be some restructuring of the process. This may be done by adding faculty to the committee. I am not saying that students should not have a say. Students should definitely have a say but they should have people to help them to make more pertinent decisions.

Government tobacco habits take a hit

by Walter Mears, AP

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kicking the habit is easily said, but hard to do and not only for smokers. The federal government has tobacco habits too. So do states that are suing the industry for health damages.

Tobacco taxes are a staple in state budgets, often the first to be raised when there's a need for money. Sin taxes, they're called, meaning that smoking is a bad habit but a well-taxed one.

It would be more heavily taxed under the tobacco bill cleared for action in the Senate, another \$1.10 on a package of cigarettes. The tobacco industry, which had been negotiating on terms of a settlement, seeking to protect itself by limiting smoker damage suits, balked at the restrictions in that bill and quit the bargaining.

President Clinton's budget counts on \$65.5 billion in revenues under the now-shaky tobacco settlement — taxes and settlement payouts he wants spent on programs that include cancer research, education and child care. The Republican budget passed by the Senate would put the projected take into Medicare.

But there's more involved. There are jobs, 2 million or more, according to the industry. And there are tobacco farmers, part of the agricultural economy since colonial times, once subsidized by a government that now promises to protect growers while it tries to

dissuade future smokers from using their crop.

The federal excise tax on cigarettes brings in about \$6 billion a year.

The target of the tobacco legislation is an industry proven to have pushed cigarette smoking on teen-agers and even children in order to keep its markets for the future. The disowned settlement and the Senate bill are meant to keep young people from smoking.

Inevitably, that leads to the basic question of what to do about smoking generally. The restrictions in public buildings the Capitol among them in restaurants, workplaces and other settings aren't to deal with teen-agers. They are to deal with smokers, young and old.

"Protect our tobacco farmers and their communities."

Bill Clinton

Erskine B. Bowles, the White House chief of staff, summed up the administration's statistics:

— 430,000 smoking-related deaths a year.

— \$60 billion in health costs linked to smoking.

— And this because of habits that began before the age of 18 for 90 percent of the nation's smokers.

In that same appraisal of administration policy, he said Clinton will insist on an anti-smoking plan that will "protect our tobacco farmers and their communities."

J E R I A T R I C J U M B A L Y A

Happy in Chinatown; Wish you were here

by Gene Yager
ear infection

The rain was leaving little dents in the concrete as he gazed past the park, and into the second story of the projects on 34th. The label on his telescope screamed MINOLTA at him. Frothing from the mouth, he tried wiping his hands off, but they had begun to dry and crust over. The room, an 8'x8' cell on 43rd, was sparsely decorated. There was a wooden folding chair in one corner. A television, which sat on the floor, buzzed

and clicked in the center of the room. A poster of a cow getting its throat slit hung on the door, with the words "Wish You Were Here" across the bottom.

The telephone had been ringing for exactly ninety seven days. Ever since the electric company fixed old lady Johnsons phone upstairs, it wouldn't stop. He kept a running tally of the number of rings, and he had them just where he wanted them. He knew the truth, though. He knew that the CIA had secret files on how to kill him. The helicopters that fly overhead carry toxic chemicals, he told his neighbors. Three

nights ago, he had to hide out in a dumpster in an alley behind a restaurant in Chinatown. It was raining then, too.

He spent his days watching the street for operatives disguised as mimes. Nights were a mix of walking around the city, and excessive alcohol consumption. Friday night had been bad. The world melted around him, and he refused to let it go. He couldn't. Strolling up to the club that night, he kept having visions. In the visions, he was a pair of fuzzy dice hanging from the mirror of a '67 Cadillac. The Cadillac would inevitably go careening off of a hill, and the dice would

be left to burn.

"Seven and Seven," he screamed at the bartender. The club was small. A local band had begun to set up their equipment in a corner. Sipping the drink, he eyed up a lady at the far end of the bar. "She's a little young for ya pal," the bartender said. The bartender's face was dissolving into a waxy substance.

Friday was bad, there is no doubt about that. His hands were totally crusted over now. He needed a way out. He began to panic. He approached the window, and slowly raised his rifle. FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS.

A few polite suggestions for next year's election

by Josh Cusatis
pure honey

So, the results are in on the SGA elections. You might be happy and you might not. It's not my place to say because, frankly, I'm gone next semester and I couldn't care less.

What I do want to take a moment to talk is who I think could make an excellent president. I've think I've got some really great ideas that all of you might want to consider for next time.

1. The Marlboro Man. Sure, he's dead but what difference does that really make. Case in point, many people don't get famous and have a real influence on us until their six feet under. Remember Monty Python and "Decomposing Composers?" They made a number of fine points in that song.

2. Rod Kelchner. I hear he's got a lot of experience.

3. Godzilla. Honestly, isn't North Hall just begging to be made into a scale model and destroyed by some guy in a rubber suit. His running mate is the two little Mothra girls. It would be a riot to see them running around South Hall Mall.

4. Bonito Mussolini. This is practically a Fascist campus already. It wouldn't be much of a stretch.

5. Picasso. He's got this thing with putting LSD in the food. Something about Cubism or whatnot.

6. The Dalai Lama. We really need to relax for awhile.

7. Moe from the Simpsons. If this campus were ever to go wet wouldn't you want to be able to get an original "Flaming Moe?" ("You fell on Aerosmith!")

8. New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. Maybe he'd do better with something a little smaller.

9. David Gilmour. Apparently, Pink Floyd was dying to play here. They seem to really like this place.

10. Ghengis Kahn. AAAAAAAAAAAGGGGGHHHHHHH!!!! That's how you take control.

11. The Florida Orange Growers Co-op. Let's face it, oranges are just really damn good.

12. Hulk Hogan. It would be a great way to settle disputes.

13. Pete Best. He deserves another chance at greatness.

14. Darth Vader. At least he'd bring in a lot of money.

15. Motley Crue. They need a job.

16. Vlad the Impaler. Only in a pinch.

17. Alex from "A Clockwork Orange." It's about time we had somebody that knew the true meaning of the word "respect."

18. John Malkovich. AH! Psycho at the helm!

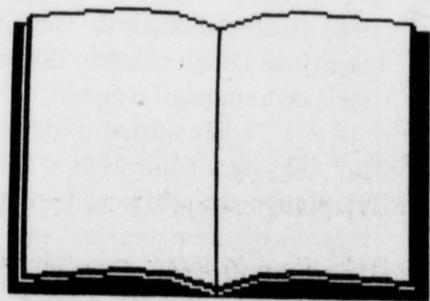
19. A pencil. And...

20. Andrea Dworkin. Okay, so she may not be the best choice because it would be the end of all fraternities as we know it but it might be fun to see what changes she could institute.

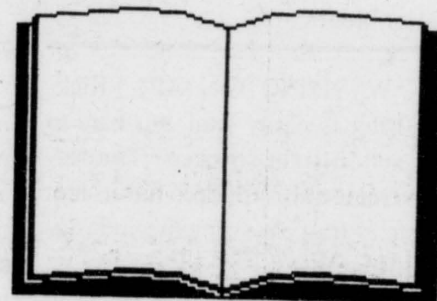
Well, I'd like to see that when it comes time for the next SGA elections some of you might keep my possibilities in mind but, like I said earlier, I'm not going to be here anymore so I really couldn't care less. It would simply be nice that you remembered. What might be even cooler is if you would take these suggestions and make your own.

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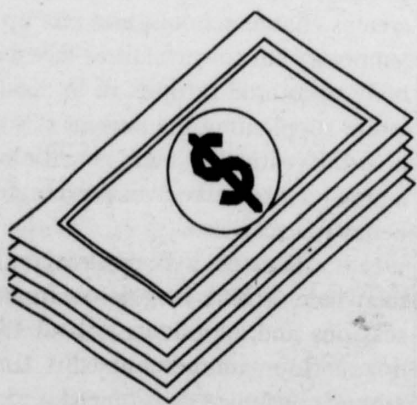


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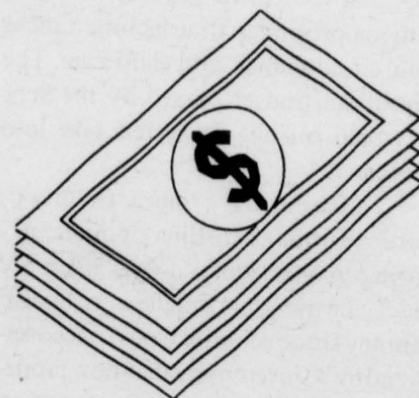
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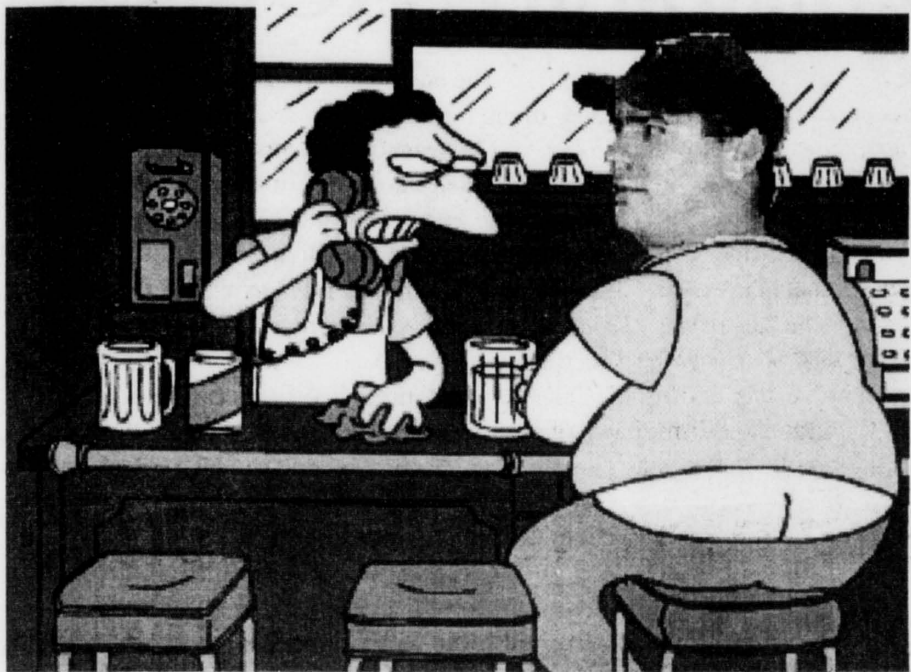
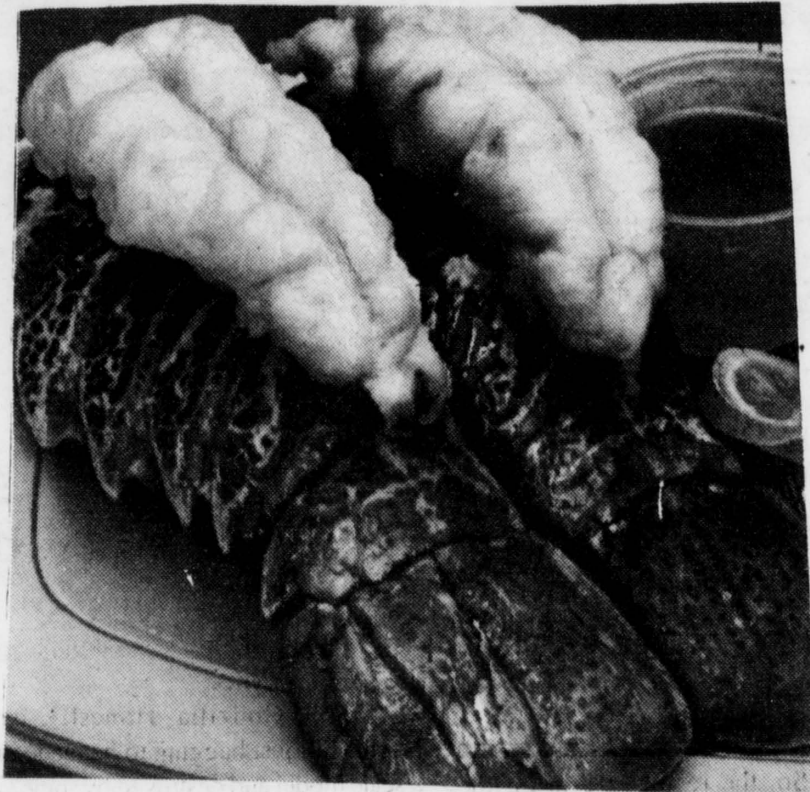


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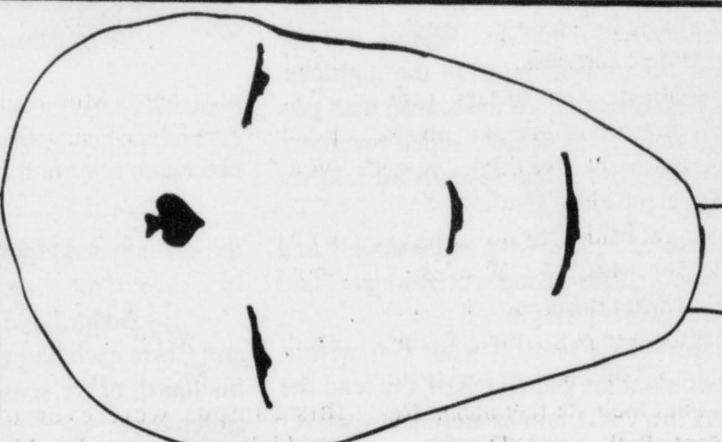
Then you strut your special walk up and down the street and you talk to people at parties.

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So, you make some more bets. You try out for the team, you get cut. You register for advanced neurological physics. You get an "F".

The world is filled with people trying to do things that they'll never ever be able to do. They have stars in their eyes and doo doo in their pants.

They'll be content as long as they never look down to see their real cards. Actually, they never will look down, they're very very lucky people.



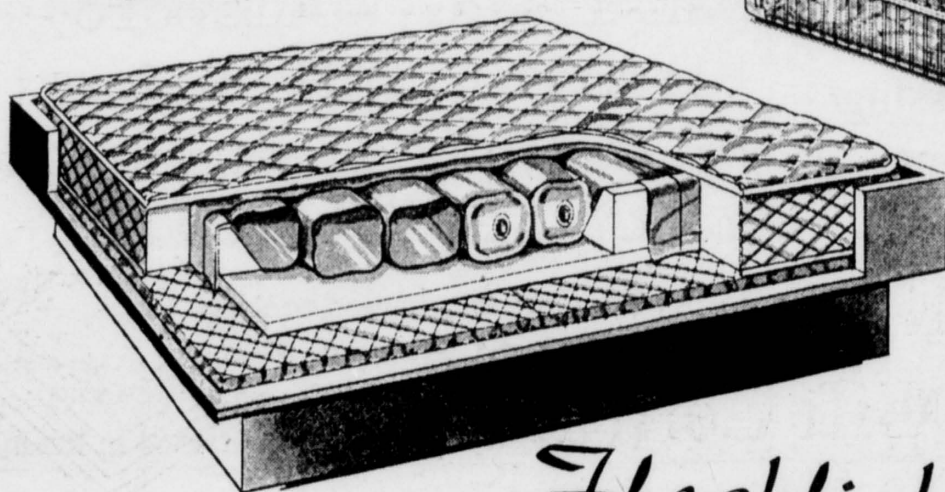
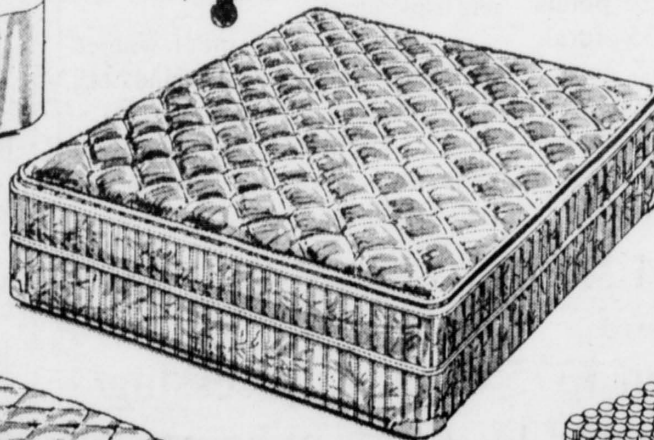
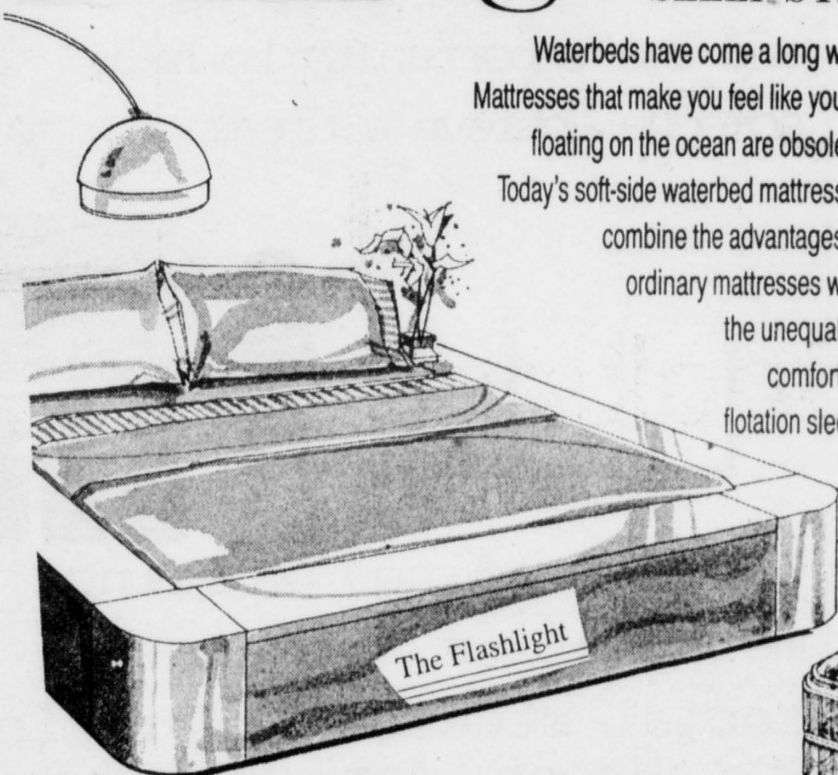
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Mountie baseball team falls to fourth in PSAC ranks

by Jason Feather
sports editor

The Mansfield University Mountaineers baseball team suffered a week of setbacks this past week, and if they intend on defending their Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference championship in Williamsport, they pretty much have to win out. The Mounties started the week off with an impressive performance from Chris Zallie at Millersville.

Zallie threw a two-hitter striking out 11 to lead Mansfield to a 9-0 shutout over Millersville in the second game of a PSAC East doubleheader last Saturday. Millersville won the opener 6-3 after breaking away from a 2-2 deadlock with four runs in the bottom of the sixth for the victory.

Zallie issued just two walks while surrendering a double in the second and single in the third. Ranked third in the nation in strikeouts per nine innings entering the game, he upped his strikeout total to 63 in 37.0 innings pitched.

Senior outfielder Scot Wilcox got the Mountaineers off to a fast start in the nightcap, blasting his 12th home run of the season with two on in the first inning. Mansfield added two more in the second and four in the seventh off reliever Chris Bensing.

Mike Marconi was 3-4 with a double and RBI while Scott Costa added a RBI single, and Adam Lewis a two-run single.

Senior Mike Mellott went 5-6 with a home run, two doubles and five RBI's to lead the Mountaineers to a 13-11 non-conference win over Ithaca College on Monday.

The Mountaineers pounded out 17-hits including home runs by Wilcox, Mellott and Costa. It was the 13th of the season for Wilcox and 10th for Mellott. Mansfield built a 5-3 lead through five innings and increased their margin to 10-4 with a five run outbreak in the sixth inning.

Ithaca rallied to score three runs each in



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Mansfield Mountaineer senior lefthanded pitcher Chris Zallie pitched two complete games this past week for the Mountaineers picking up a win and a loss. Zallie's record now stands at 5-1.

the seventh and eighths before Kris Kann came in to earn his first save of the season.

Adam Lewis had three hits while Wilcox, Marconi and Costa each had two RBI's. Jon Raker picked up the win, his fourth of the season. Joe Skelly was 2-4 with a RBI and stolen base.

The Mansfield win snapped a nine-game win streak for Ithaca.

Costa again went yard for the Mountaineers and added a double to drive in five runs while senior Dan Ebersole scattered seven hits in going the distance to lead the Mountaineers to a 9-3 win over Bloomsburg and salvage a split in the key PSAC East doubleheader. The Huskies took the first game 14-9.

Mansfield trailed 1-0 in the night cap until they erupted for three runs in the top of the fourth inning when Marconi walked with two outs. Skelly then singled to right before Costa's round-tripper over the right field fence.

Bloom closed to 3-2 with a solo run in the bottom half of the inning, but the Mountaineers put the game away with five runs in the top of the fifth when Wilcox doubled in two runs and Skelly singled to drive in two more.

Then finally this week on Wednesday afternoon at Shaute Field, the Mountaineers suffered a sweep at the hands of Shippensburg University, 2-1 and 6-4.

Zallie again had a great performance, but the Mountie offense could provide him with no run support in the first game. Two mistake pitches in the second and seventh innings, cost Zallie a chance at his sixth win of the season.

Chris McGee lost his second decision in a row giving up all six runs of the Red Raider (17-16, 9-5) runs in the nightcap in the second inning on six hits.

The Mountaineers (21-11, 7-7) are now tied with Bloomsburg for fourth place in the PSAC East, and will travel to Cortland on Sunday.

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Mountie track and field team competes in tri-meet with Bloomsburg and Lock Haven

special to the Flashlight

Dave Coyle recorded three first-place finishes, including a new school record in the 100 meters to lead the Mansfield University men's track team to a second place finish in a tri-meet with Bloomsburg and Lock Haven.

Mansfield scored 96.5 points behind Lock Haven's 135 total. Bloomsburg was third with 94.5.

Coyle set a new school record with a time of 10.4 in the 100 meters and also established new meet marks with a first place in the 200 meters (22.3) and as

the anchor of the winning 1600 meter relay team (3:25.5) along with Ron Mash, Mike Lane and Doug Perry.

Lane also won the 800 meters in a new meet record time of 1:56.3.

Freshman Lamar Crawford set a new meet record by winning the 110 meter hurdles and also took first in the long jump with his leap of 21-9 while earning second in the high jump and triple jump.

The Mountaineer women took third with 75 points behind Lock Haven (129) and Bloomsburg (94).

The Mountaineers will again be on the road this weekend at the Lafayette Invitational.

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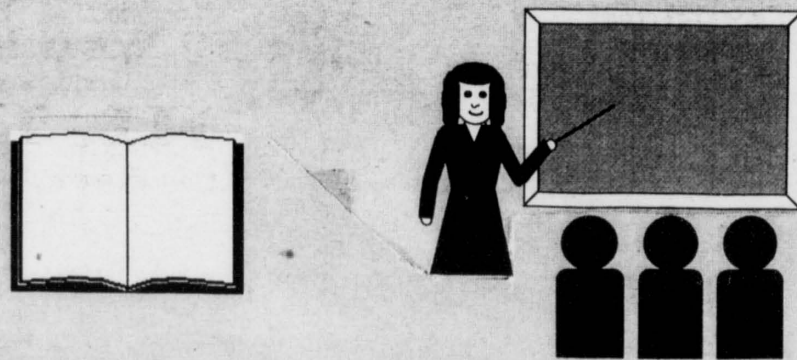
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Mansfield softball team continues season of struggle

Mounties swept by Division II power Shippensburg after doubleheader split with E. Stroudsburg

by Tracy Strupp
softball reporter

The Mansfield University softball team continues to struggle this season, winning one out of six games this past week.

The only Mountie victory came last Sunday at Helen Lutes Field when the ladies dropped the first game of a doubleheader to East Stroudsburg, 2-0, but bounced back to win the second game, 5-0.

Freshman pitcher Angie Crater threw the complete game shutout, her first in Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference play. In seven innings, she

allowed six hits while walking just one batter.

At the plate, the Mounties had an excellent day as well. Sophomores Megan Williams and Kim Swarts were both 2-3 with a double. Senior Missy Tyson contributed a 2-3 day with a triple, and junior Danielle Terrell was 2-2 with a double.

On Monday, Mansfield hosted Shippensburg, a nationally ranked team in Division II. The Mounties put up a fight and played well, but ended up losing both games, 3-0 and 3-1.

In the first game, Mansfield was held to just two hits by Williams and Swarts. Ship scored in the third inning off an error, and their lead was never threatened.

In the second game, the Mounties got on the scoreboard first, when Swarts reached base on a single, and was driven in by junior Steph Kent's double. The Red Raiders came back in the sixth inning with two runs, and Mansfield could not recover.

In Wednesday's home series with West Chester, a disappointed Mountie team dropped both games 4-0 and 7-4. Sophomore Rosie Pagana was 2-3 at the plate in the first game. Mansfield could only manage four hits, the determining factor in the loss.

In the second game, Mansfield had a two run lead going into the third inning, but West Chester scored three runs off a series of bunts and errors. They added two more runs in the fourth inning,

as did the Mountaineers.

Swarts, the *Flashlight's* Co-Athlete of the Week, led off the inning with a triple, and was driven in by freshman Jamie Huffcut. Huffcut also scored a run off of a single by Tyson. The runs weren't enough, and the Golden Rams went on to score three more runs for the 7-4 final.

The Mounties are currently 10-17 overall and 3-13 in the PSAC East. The 10 wins thus far ties last year's total of victories.

Mansfield will travel to Millersville this Saturday before returning home on Tuesday against Bloomsburg. Game time for the next home contest is set for 3 p.m. at Lutes Field.

Zallie, Swarts named *Flashlight's* Co-Athletes of the Week



This week the *Flashlight* is honoring two more student-athletes for their performance on the playing field. Senior Chris Zallie and sophomore Kim Swarts both had stellar performances for their respective teams this past week.

Zallie, also named the PSAC East Pitcher of the Week, was sensational in his victory over division leader Millersville last Saturday. He improved his record to 5-0 on the season with a complete game two-hit shutout in a 9-0 Mountaineers win over the Marauders. He struck out 11 while walking just two.

The All-American candidate leads the PSAC and ranks third in NCAA Division II in strikeouts per nine innings with a 15.1 average. In 44.0 innings pitched this season, Zallie has struck out 69 batters while walking just 22.

Swarts, who has been solid all season long for Coach Gallagher, is third on the team in hitting at a .333 clip. She leads the team in triples with two, and is a perfect 3-3 on steals.

Swarts also ranks third on the team in slugging percentage at .444, and is second in runs scored with nine while starting 18 of the 22 games she has played in this season for Mansfield.



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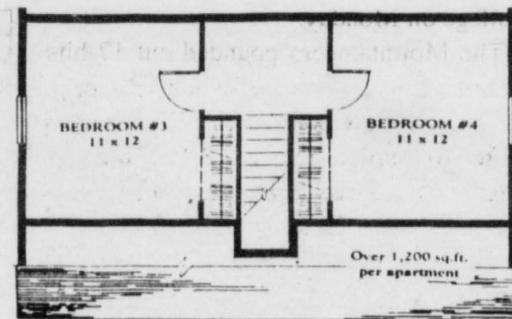
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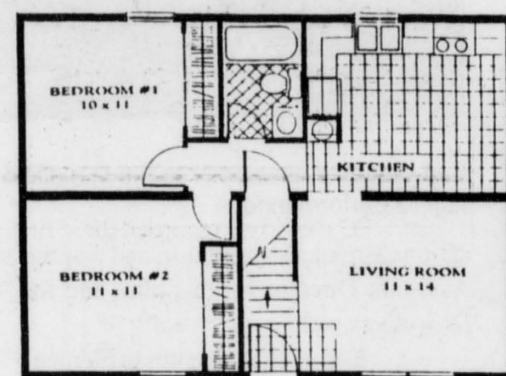
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Scotland Road sets sail on Mansfield stage

by Kate Evans
assistant news editor

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This spring's play, *Scotland Road*, by Jeffrey Hatcher, plays excellently on the outrageous success of the film *Titanic*.

This is the only show that I know of, that features the audience on the stage.

It deals with a woman found on an iceberg, eighty years after the sinking of the ship.

She, known only as The Woman, refuses to speak, except one word, *Titanic*.

The cast, played by Jonmichael Brennan, Bonnie Remus, Callie Bonner, and Kari Weller, was directed by Dr. Andrew Longoria, professor in the Theatre Department.

Brennan played the part of John, the great-grandson of John Jacob Astor, a millionaire that went down with the *Titanic*.

He is an undeclared, junior M.U. student, and no stranger to the stage here, having appeared in *Dracula* and *Sauce for the Goose*.

Dr. Halbrech, played by Bonnie Remus, has also been in these plays, and is a sophomore Art Education major.

The mysterious, silent, Woman, portrayed by freshman Callie Bonner, had the easiest part to memorize, as she sat catatonic for most of the first act.

She is a freshman Communi-



Kari Weller, at left, plays Frances Kittle in *Scotland Road* while her character converses about being stuck on an iceberg with "The Woman" played by Callie Bonner.

Studies Major, and has been Assistant Director for *The Memorandum*, *Seascape*, *Sauce for the Goose*, and *Dracula*.

The play was sold out Thursday night, with only 100 seats per night.

The stage was set only with blue walls with two doors, and surveillance cameras posted at the ceiling, with a simulated *Titanic* deck chair center stage.

The scene changes were accompanied by music, but the blackouts were disorienting and frequent.

One amusing touch was the sparrow fluttering overhead during the show, an overhang from the new renovations made to Straughn earlier.

The beginning of the play has Dr. Halbrech and John preparing for The Woman's arrival, trying to make her the most uncomfortable to cause her to speak.

mized his character's insanity, he showed her slides to see if she could identify anyone, slides of photos, not of the actual *Titanic*, but of another shipwreck he had hoped would fool

Bonner open up, but she held strong, and revealed nothing about her identity, which made her all the more appealing to John.

Frances Kittle, the oldest living *Titanic* survivor, appeared at the call of John to question The Woman to try to force her to admit that she was not on the *Titanic*.

As a result of her trauma, she became a recluse; a tough sadist who hadn't emerged from her house since her return from the sinking.

As a request of the director's, I am not authorized to reveal the ending, but, I can say that no one is what they seem, and there is no possible way to find out who is who until the very end.

Even then, it leaves the audience guessing what everyone's motives are.

M.U. Art History major Mike Garbacz thought the show was, "A little cliched, but pretty good."



photo by Katie Evans

Scotland Road took place on a spartan stage without many extras added to the set.



photo by Katie Evans

Kari Weller, a newcomer to the Mansfield stage, recites her lines during Thursday night's performance.

cations/Broadcasting major, and was the Assistant Director for this play, and for *Dracula* as well.

Kari Weller, freshman Elementary Ed. major, is a newcomer to the Mansfield stage.

She was Frances Kittle, and also Assistant Director.

Another Assistant Director, senior Christine Martino, is a General

He had recreated everything from a deck chair to the last meal a first class person would have eaten, in order to jar her memory, and had her kept secluded from the outside world.

She refused to speak until halfway through the play, and then confused John when her stories line up with the truth.

Then, in a move that epitomized

her.

She claimed to be a steerage passenger from Wales, complete with accent.

Brennan's John was cranky and slick, obsessed with the legend of *Titanic*, determined to get to the bottom of The Woman's story.

He had the appearance of a car salesman, but flaunted his money with ease.

Dr. Halbrech was efficient and concerned about her patient and she had to fight against John for control.

She was the sane balance between the insanity of The Woman and John.

The Woman was cold, and complex, and it was impossible to determine her true identity until the very end of the play.

Brennan tried to make

Dr. Longoria said "This has been a very enjoyable experience, we have a very young cast, and they have been really wonderful. We have had a lot of help from student helpers, there are fifty students mentioned in the program who have donated their time over the past weeks. I picked this last March, and luckily *Titanic* came out a few months earlier. Yeah, it's a melodrama, but it's intriguing, you have to think about the plot."

Get some culture, see the show; the two dollar admission charge is a cheaper, better deal than going to a fraternity.

Show times for this weekend are Friday and Saturday at 8 pm, and a Sunday matinee at 2.

Tickets are five dollars for adults, four for children and senior citizens, and two for M.U. students with ID.

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MU Calendar

Friday 4/17/98

- 8:00 MU Theater Department presents Jeffrey Hatcher's new drama *Scotland Road*

Saturday 4/18/98

- noon First annual campus and community wide block party and Maplefest on Clinton Street.
- 7:30 Handel's *Messiah* in Steadman
- 8:00 *Scotland Road*

4/19 - 4/25

- Sexual Assault awareness week
- Greek Week

Sunday 4/19

- 7:00-9:00 Sexual Assault Awareness 5k run. Registration is at the Bonanza.
- 1:00 pm Baseball away at SUNY-Cortland
- 2:00 pm *Scotland Road*

- 3:00 pm Handel's *Messiah*

- 8:00 pm Symphonic Band Concert at Steadman Theater

Monday 4/20

- Sexual Assault Awareness Day. Where purple ribbons to honor those who have survived a sexual assault.
- 7:00 pm Student Recognition in Manser North Dining Hall

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Author addresses turn of century

Thomas A. Jones
Wire Editor

The Mansfield University Philosophy Department hosted Dr. Richard Creel's "Religion for the Twenty-first Century" to an interested audience of students and faculty on April 23, at 7:30pm in Allen Hall.

Philosophy Prof. Steven Bickham introduced Dr. Creel and explained that he is using Dr. Creel's book "Religion and Doubt: Toward a Faith of Your Own" in his current Philosophy of Religion course.

Creel said that his presentation would focus on "how to be religious in the 21st century regardless of your religion."

"The coming of the 21st century has an inescapable religious con-

nection," said Creel. "How to be religious is a meaningful task."

"Events in the second half of the 20th century... make it absolutely clear that religion is here to stay," said Creel. He then went on to explain how even in nations where religion has been seen as a thing of the past, underground religious organizations have flourished.

Creel said that after the collapse of the Marxist Soviet Union religion surged back into the people. Also, the Cuban people's respect for the Pope was visible when he visited Cuba this past year.

Creel then switched topics and discussed common misconceptions about religion.

"One of the myths about philosophy is that it makes one an atheist," he said. But the society of Christian philosophers has grown to more than 1000 philosophers, and people are being at-

tracted to new and exotic religions.

"So there is every reason to believe religion is here to stay," said Creel. "Religion is one of the most powerful forces for Good and Evil."

He said that we must cultivate the possibilities of good from religion and neutralize its potential for evil, but we must also understand what religion really is.

"Some say religion is the product of human fear," said Creel. "From this point of view, religion is a kind of insurance policy."

Another theory is that religion is a tool, used by the political and social leaders to control people.

"Yet other people... say religion is a form of wishful thinking," said Creel. "I have no doubt that there is some truth to these three theories of religion, but no

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Lawyer to take myth out of living off campus

Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

Students at Mansfield University spent the past few weeks deciding where to live and whether they should move off campus or remain in one of the dormitories.

For those who move off campus, the experience of dealing with a landlord and signing a lease proves to be more than they expected.

On Tuesday, April 28, the Office of Residence Life will present a lawyer for any students who have questions concerning any topics surrounding off-campus living.

Pete Mackey, lawyer for the Susquehanna Legal Services, will visit MU in an effort designed to educate students about their rights and the rights of the landlord.

Director of Residence Life Mike LeMasters thinks the lecture is an excellent opportunity for students who have questions about living off campus.

"It's kind of a chance for a professional to answer questions before anyone gets into trouble," he said.

Although the topics discussed will center around moving off campus, LeMasters encourages all students to take an interest in it.

"I'd like to see students there who might remain living on campus but who learn from this before it causes problems," he said. "The other thing I would hope is that those living off campus will bring their problems about living in Mansfield and even if maybe a student is moving to New York City or something, they might also bring their questions."

When problems arise, LeMasters' office handles them. He handles complaints from both students and the community.

"I was designated by President Rod Kelchner to handle complaints from the community," he said. "This is the office where students come when they want to move off campus so, if they have an issue, they'll come back."

Many times, LeMasters said, he simply creates an open dialogue.

"There have been times when we talk to the landlords and the students during a dispute and they come back later and tell us that they're talking to their landlord."

Although many students decided weeks ago where they would be living next semester, LeMasters and Mackey couldn't establish a convenient time.

"I got a call a month ago and to try to schedule a lawyer with his busy schedule is difficult," he said.

"We hope this (discussion) continues year after year," he said. "Instead of waiting until next semester, we decided, 'let's get him up here now.'"

Geology prof rocks endurance contests

MU professor competes in Ironman triathalons outside of classroom

by Josh Cusatis
features editor

On an average week, Mansfield University Geology Professor Dr. Hobart King rides his bicycle about 300 miles.

King competes in what is known as the Iron Man competition in areas all over the eastern United States. This competition is a 10 hour triathlon consisting of swimming, biking and running.

"I've been to Florida, Montreal, New Hampshire, and Maryland," King said. "I like Florida the best. There's a lot of hills and the temperature is high. I like severe conditions. You have to know a lot about yourself."

King said that he made his biggest accomplishment competing in Florida.

"I lowered the course record for the 40-45 year age group by 18 minutes," King said. "This was in 1992 after I had just turned 40."

King added that these competitions have nothing to do with who's the strongest or the fastest.

"It's a competition of who has the better digestive system and stronger will," King said. "You have to be really smart about how you do this race and know that will need to refuel."

King said that taking in enough fuel is the most important part of the race.

"You have to stop and think about it," King said. "You're going for 140 miles. You're going to need about 12,000 calories to make it across the finish line."

King added that, even with a large meal before the race, it is necessary to consume a large quantity of food during the race.

"At the start of the race, you might have 5,000 calories in you," King

said. "You're still about three days worth of food short to finish. That's assuming that daily intake is 2,000 calories. Usually, when people need medical help it's because of their intake."

King said that he has a number of tricks to deal with food intake during a race.

"In the morning, I take a bunch of Power Bars and unwrap them," King said. "I lick them and stick them to my bike. I also have a pound of Fig Newtons in a pouch with my bike."

King added that food isn't the only important thing you need to consume in order to have a safe race.

"In Florida, it can get to be 90 degrees and the possibility of heat stroke is very high," King said. "You have to drink about 26 pints of water. If you don't, you won't finish."

King said that, when he is training, he can do close to 350 miles a week.

"In a week, I'll go about 300 miles on my bike, 10 swimming and 30 running," King said. "Tioga county is really nice to bike in. The drivers here

are very considerate. In other places, I've had people throw things at me."

King said that, despite the dangers of the Iron Man competition, he hasn't had any bad experiences with it.

"I've been pretty lucky," King said. "I've finished all of the races I've been in. Approximately 25% of the contestants never finish for whatever reason. It's usually because they don't drink enough water."

King said that in the past four years he has been at MU he has not competed in the Iron Man competition.

"Last year I did a little and this year I plan on doing more," King said. "I like living here because there's a lot of hills. I'm looking forward to using this as a way to keep in shape. It's also a good form of transportation."

Before coming to Mansfield, King taught part time at different Penn State campuses.

"I did that for six or seven years while I was a section head for a state agency," King said. "I always knew that I wanted to teach."

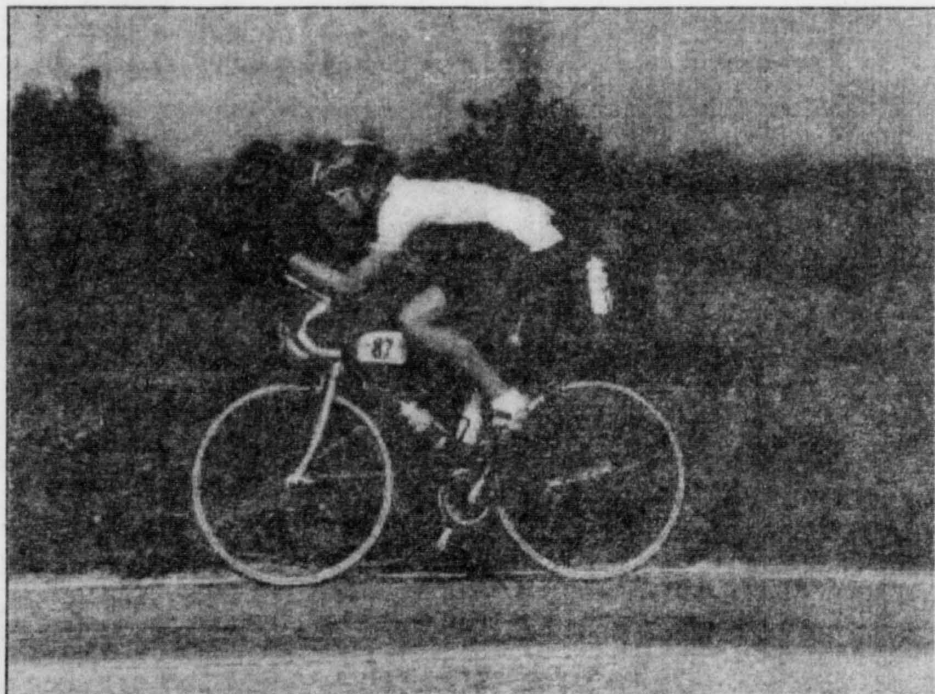


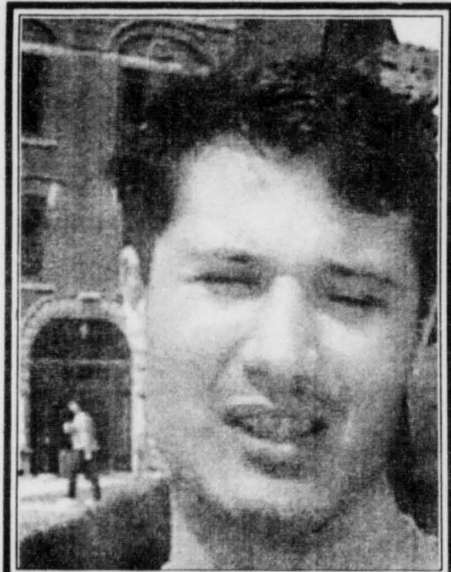
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Dr. Hobart King competes in Ironman competitions in the U.S. and Canada.

Campus Voices

"What did you think of the Earth Day presentations in South Hall Mall?"

by Melissa Wascalus & Fawnya York



Richard Moyer
Sophomore

"The thing I liked most were the Native American dancers."



Stacy Ayers (top) & Hobes
Senior

"I think it was a beautiful presentation. I really enjoyed it."



Robert Wright (right) & Latka
Senior

"I thought it was pretty good I just wish more people would have shown up."



Angela Kay Reese
Sophomore

"I thought it was great. The dancing was soothing I think we should have it more often."

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negative theory is the whole truth... The vital dynamic heart of religion is something positive."

He said that religion tells us we are important, and this is just as true of aesthetic and agnostic religions as the theistic religions.

"I think it is a love of and devotion to what the mind conceives to be pure and perfect good," said Creel.

In order to prevent the abuse of religion Creel said that people should not be dogmatic about their beliefs but humble. History, biology and astronomy have shown us that we can be wrong.

"We need to recognize our fallibility," he said.

Reaction to the presentation was positive.

Psychology senior Marquand Brown said, "I agree with what he's saying. It would be interesting to see if people at war over their religion would agree."

Sophomore student Kiernan Kaiser said that he partially agrees. "I liked what he said about religion having to help people."

Prof. Bickham thought the presentation was very interesting. "The idea of people having to be humble about their religious belief was a good one."

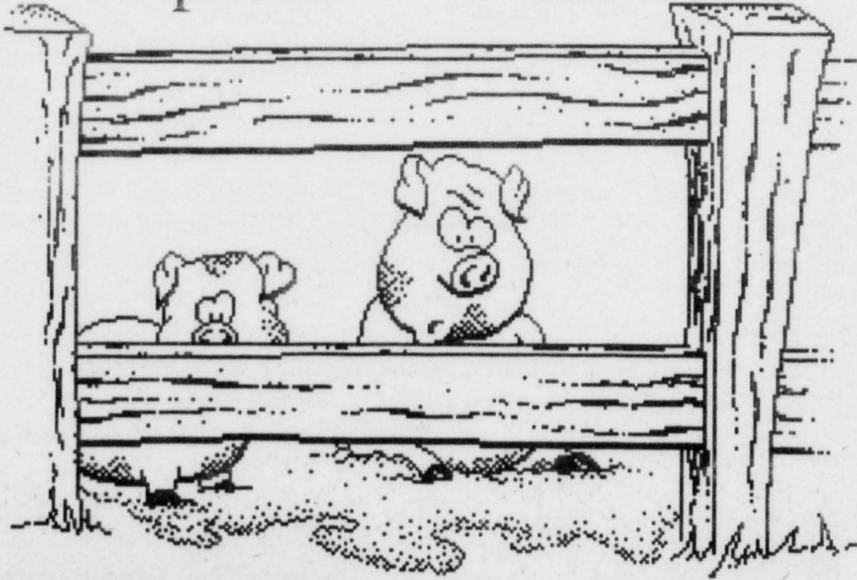
Bickham also said that he liked the combination of humility and responsibility that Creel's idea suggested.

Philosophy professor Robert Timko said that religion is a subjective choice, but one that is important because it anchors oneself to the world.

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Committee on Finance topic of discussion at SGA meeting

Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

For the third consecutive week, Committee on Finance allocations became the center of debate at the Student Government Association this week.

Senators rejected a motion concerning COF's allocation process and athletics. Senators discussed whether COF should allocate 40-45% of the total student activities fee's budget to athletics.

A suggested idea capped the total possible allocation at 40%, which was then changed to 44% before being rejected altogether.

The lengthy debate included

opposition on both sides of the issue. Senator Susan Pottichen commented on the behavior of senators during the debate.

"I would just like to address the professionalism of some senators," she said after several others commented on the quality of certain teams and organizations.

Advisor Joe Maresco complimented senators on what he described as an increase in senator involvement.

He also commended the executive board on a successful semester as SGA President Steve Winnie presided over his last meeting before current Vice President Michele Hosey assumes the position during next week's meeting.

During a report from the Endless Mountain Transportation Authority committee, Maresco assured senators the shuttle service would be running again in the Fall and they felt many students were willing to pay more for it.

"I fell pretty comfortable there will be a shuttle service next year," he said. "I think a very significant percentage would be willing to pay up to 20 dollars."

Maresco added that registration at Mansfield University would be getting easier. He said that students in the future will be able to register for classes over the phone. Rustin Kreider, SGA Parliamentarian and senior, criticized MU for their inability to institute the Datatel service sooner.

"I heard about Datatel my first semester here," he said.

Pottichen also reported that SGA raised 57 dollars for the March of Dimes.

"Everyone had a lot of fun," she said. "I'd like to also thank the organizers for a job well done."

A representative from Aramark, the company responsible for the MU dining services, fielded suggestions compliments from senators.

"Overall, dealing with criticisms, they have been very quick about making change," Mike Perotti said.

Student Government meetings are held every Monday at 9:00 pm in 204 Memorial Hall. All students are welcome to attend.

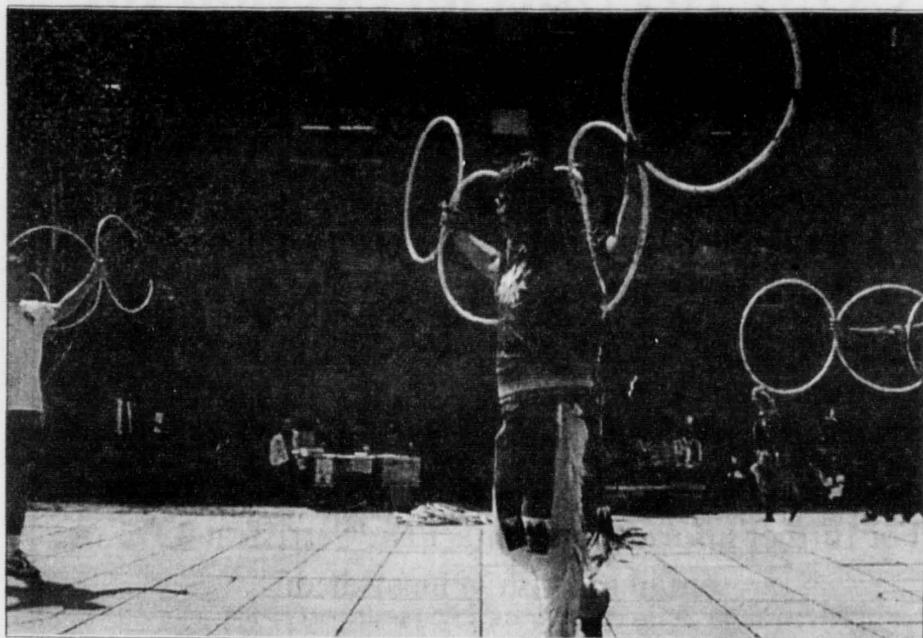


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Native American dancers entertained crowds at this years Earth Day celebration

Donation sets school record

press release-

MANSFIELD, PA — Mansfield University today announced the largest gift in school history — a bequest of more than \$800,000 that will establish a scholarship fund in the names of the donors, the late Dana Lee Learn and his wife, Reva Dickinson Learn.

Both were students at Mansfield when it was Mansfield State Normal School. Mr. Learn earned a diploma in 1920 and went on to earn his bachelor's degree from Franklin & Marshall. Mrs. Learn earned her teaching certificate in 1923. Both were teachers in their professional careers.

MU President Rod C. Kelchner says he believes the gift affirms the university's mission.

"Folks do not make gifts of this size without a strong knowledge of the institution to which they are contributing," Kelchner says. "This gift reinforces and gives a vote of confidence to what the Mansfield University community is doing."

The gift will provide scholarships for at least 40 MU students beginning with the 1999-2000 academic year, according to Leslie Folmer, MU vice president for development and executive director of the Mansfield University Foundation Inc.

"This single gift doubles the Foundation's scholarship endowment," Folmer says. "It exceeds Mansfield's previous largest contribution by more than \$300,000."

In 1991, Mrs. Learn filled out an alumni survey form notifying the university it was included in their estate plans. Mrs. Learn also stated

that Dr. William Straughn, Mansfield's president while they were students, had a significant impact on their lives and they had a strong desire to help others as they were helped in school.

"It's obvious being students at Mansfield made a big difference in their lives," Kelchner says. "Their gift will provide financial support to many students for many years to come."

Folmer says the bequest also shows how a contribution can grow from a desire to help others.

"The Learns' alumni survey stated that they never made more than \$25,000 a year and yet through discipline and wise financial planning they have made the single largest gift in school history," Folmer says.

Mr. Learn retired in 1963 after teaching history for 38 years at Palmerton High School in Palmerton, PA. He served as president of the Lehigh Valley Interscholastic Athletic Association and as a member of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, serving for 20 years, 12 as secretary/treasurer and eight as chairman of District 11. He also held a master's degree from New York University. He was born in Westfield, PA. He died in 1991.

Mrs. Learn was born in Lake Carey, PA, and after graduating from Mansfield taught mathematics at schools in Westfield, NJ, Palmerton, and Allentown. She died in 1997.

The couple met at Mansfield and were married here in 1924. After retirement they moved to Florida for five years. They then relocated to Roswell, NM, where they resided for 20 years. The couple also maintained a cottage at RoundLake, Ontario.

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To reserve a place, lifeguards must contact the Chapter by May 11, by calling Joanne Boyd, Health and Safety Coordinator, at 717-724-2491

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If YOU are interested in working as a peer counselor this summer, please make an appointment with Dr. Toni. You can receive additional information and schedule an appointment by calling 4436.

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For any student who still needs to complete the COM 101 requirement AND is facing a large amount of communication apprehension, there is a special section of COM 101. It is offered once each semester and fulfills the oral communication requirement. This section is by permission of instructor only and meets this fall at 9:00 MWF (COM 101-03) It requires a short interview (about 15 minutes) and some paperwork before you can register. For further information contact Dr. Carrish at 4371 or email scarrish@mnsfld.edu

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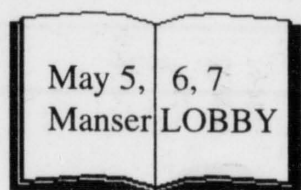
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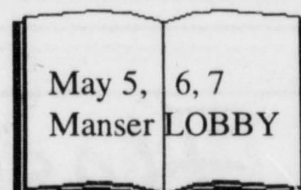
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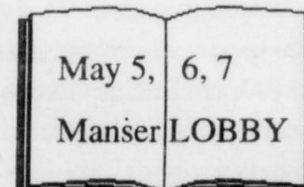
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On Campus vs. Off Campus The Great Debate

Living on campus is a bad joke. The climate control system is a fraud, roommates are certifiable, the bathrooms are in a constant state of filth, the bureaucracy is intolerable and the dining services are reprehensible.

So what does that leave the average MU student with? A headache.

With all the problems that associate living on campus, a student is often left with the realization that they must live off campus.

Living off campus has the potential for all the benefits denied to students living on campus. Off campus you pay for your heat. This means you have it when you need it, and it's turned off when Spring gallops on the scene and you're not left sweltering in your cubicle without the faintest idea how to turn the thing off.

Off campus you can choose your roommate. Your not stuck with Milo the Coke bottle collector who chain-smokes and has a fixation on Jodie Foster.

Off campus your bathroom is as clean as you want it to be. This may not mean very much, but at least you have the piece of mind granted by knowing that the putrid stench coming from your toilet is the product of your own biological system and not of the first-time drunk with the high tops down the hall.

Off campus you have to sign a lease agreement. Not a room selection form, or a hall wide program form, or a room condition report, or a what-lame-ass-program-can-the-RA-come-up-with form, or a how-did-you-like-the-lame-ass-program-the-RA-came-up-with form. You only need to know one guy, your landlord (and maybe his/her significant other) not the RA's, the ADRL, the GA, or the LAMG. In addition, your mail is delivered to you by the postal service during the day, (GASP!)

Off campus you can eat whatever the hell you want. You're not force fed the hot rodders or the pizza with the consistency of play-doh and the grease of the hit Broadway musical of the same name. And most enticing of all, you don't have to eat if you don't want to! Sure you can abstain from Manser (and abstinence is the best policy) and adopt the hip anemic lifestyle, or wait for the giardia cysts or chryso sporidium to attach to your intestines and leech your food away. But if you do, realize that you have already paid for the privilege of not eating (kind of like farm subsidies, but different).

The disparity between the ridiculousness of on campus vs. off campus living leaves the reasonable and intelligent student with a rather clear decision. Move off campus and resume a lifestyle unencumbered by morgue hours and idiotic hall monitors.

Having established what one should do, what does the system do? It sets the rules in opposition. Moving off campus is more difficult than assassinating Castro.

Why? Does the university desperately need every last dollar from room and board to cover the inauspicious expense of rebuilding Alumni Hall into the John Halstead Crematorium? Wouldn't the University in fact save money by not having to house every student? Think of the savings in security, utilities and maintenance. Isn't this University here to educate the students, and if so, wouldn't freeing the students from the stupidity of quiet hours and visitation policies help to further that goal (as in learning self-reliance! Those that can't hack real life are doomed to failure anyway, it's the way of the world: Natural Selection).

System, it's time to accept the fact that change is inevitable. Either allow and assist students in experiencing real life or be prepared to fall behind when the great big train of progress comes a-bareling down the tracks and passes right by this station for the same reason bowling doesn't get covered on ESPN anymore: Nobody's interested.

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SGA senator questions budget allocations

Dear Editor:

In order to receive an allocation from COF, an organization MUST attend a budget information meeting and MUST submit 15 copies of a budget proposal by the established deadline or they will automatically receive a 10% reduction in their allocation.

In addition, each group must attend a hearing before COF during which several criteria are used to evaluate their budget and organization.

On the other hand, Athletics has no risk of a 10% because they are NOT required to attend the information meeting or to submit a budget request.

Instead, Athletics is simply GUARANTEED to receive between 40% to 45% of the total

Activity Fee funds.

Further, Athletics is NOT required to have a hearing with COF in which to be evaluated by the same criteria as other groups.

As a member of COF, I have demanded that Athletics provide a report of their expenditures for the past year.

If I did not insist on having that information, COF would blindly hand Athletics their large allocation.

It is not fair to make each organization do a song and dance in order to get their allocation as long as Athletics is required to do nothing to get theirs.

At the last SGA Senate meeting, three logical motions were made in an attempt to make the allocation process consistent.

Paraphrased the motions were: 1) eliminate the 40-45% guarantee, 2) require ev-

ery group desiring an allocation from COF to follow the same procedures, 3) hold a referendum to consider different percentage allocation for the Flashlight, Student Activities Office, WNTE, MAC, and Athletics.

Each of these motions failed because various senators clouded the issues of consistency in the allocation process with concerns over the performance of individual athletic teams, personal favoritism toward athletics, legal obligations, the cost of Athletics, and the size of their allocation, none of which had significant bearing on the issue at hand.

Since the hearing and allocation process used by COF already gives due consideration to all concerns (like those

mentioned above), what would it hurt for Athletics to be required to submit a budget, attend the information meeting and have a hearing with COF?

There is no need to exempt a group from following the procedure and guaranteeing them an allocation unless we are not confident in the ability of COF to adequately address all concerns and make proper decisions!

My fellow senators, when a motion is made, do not blind your understanding of the issue with your personal sympathies to the topic or your desire to go home.

Kindly give the actual motion some thought rather than basing your decision on your initial reaction or personal agenda.

Rustin Kreider

Commentary Policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary may turn it in to the *Flashlight* office by 5 PM. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writers name, major, class, and phone number. Nonstudents are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.

Letters to the Editor Policy

The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is unwilling to take responsibility for the letter's content. So, why should we?

In order to preserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

The *Flashlight* reserves the right to condense or edit your letter for the sake of length or clarity. Letters should be typed and double spaced. They can be dropped off at the *Flashlight* office, 217 Memorial Hall.

Commentary

Editor gets dirty in protest of cleaning staff

by Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

Once again, I find myself aggravated at the administration and staff of this university.

Not five minutes ago (Friday, 8:05 am), some hard-ass walked in this office trying to look intimidating and looking for an argument concerning the custodial situation in this building.

Three weeks ago, we fought a cleaning woman who thought the office was too dirty but couldn't help but clean it anyway. Now, we are in a battle with another cleaning lady who wants us to clean the floor before she cleans it.

Guess what. I'll be damned if I'm going to do someone else's job before they do their job. No one comes in and writes this commentary for me and I don't think it would be right for me to ask students to write my commentary for me.

Asinine, isn't it?

That's like someone throwing a party and getting kegs and inviting tons of people but having the party at one of someone else's house.

Here's the situation: our office is filthy. After a night of laying out the paper, the office looks worse than a pig sty. What typically happens in a normal working environment with a cleaning service is: they pay someone to clean.

Unfortunately, somebody

doesn't feel like doing the work they get paid for. Well, that's fine and dandy. You know what?

I pay tuition here at Mu and my professors get paid, in part, from my tuition.

Attention to all current and future MU professors: if you think the kids are too stupid and things seem out of control, just rewrite the rules.

Some toolbox with a walkie talkie just burst in here and decided to rewrite the rule of sanitation.

Instead of cleaning the office, LIKE THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO, they decided from now on they're only going to empty the trash cans. To hell with the floor. It's too dirty.

And so, because once again I realize how asinine this school really is, I am protesting these people.

You people want me to pick up after myself? No. In fact, I might not ever pick anything up off the floor again.

I don't care if a piece of paper turn into the Shroud of Turin. They wanna play games? I'll play games.

I'm excellent at taking things to the highest degree, or the lowest degree. In this case, it will be necessary to adjust my logic to match my adversary's.

If you ever see me clean ANYTHING up in this office, take a picture because you'll have a better chance of watching Adolph Hitler marry Madeline Albright.

And these aren't the only people who fail to treat students as people.

Last week, I tried to exit North Hall Library through the Art Gallery. As I unsuccessfully pushed the door, some administrator stood on the other side telling me I had to go around.

And as I turned around I watched him take out a key, open the door and enter North Hall.

Of course, any staff member or administrator will tell you it is because students might try to steal something from North Hall.

"These kids can't be trusted." they'll say.

They honestly believe some kid is going to walk in, shove one of the thousands of books (none of which were printed by anyone other than a monk 500 years ago) in their jacket and run on out.

And yet, recent memory shows that this school needn't worry about students stealing as much as they need to watch each other.

This school has lost hundreds of thousands of dollars that were stolen by some member(s) of the administration, and yet they lock us out.

I wouldn't have any problem with this if the fifth floor of North Hall was accessible at all time in some other way, but it's not.

If the elevator doesn't work,

good luck getting from the fourth to the fifth floor.

I've had many experiences trying to get from the second floor to the third floor and, one week, I had to call Batman and have him and Robin scale the side of the building so I could get up to an interview on the "floor of power."

Seriously, there is a warped sense of the people who occupy North Hall. The students who use North Hall as a research source are not the criminals.

The criminals are the ones who are up on the fifth floor holding a set of keys because they don't have anything else to grab in their pockets.

NATO adds three new nations

DALLAS (AP) — Whether it is the risky blunder critics foresee or the stride for stability the White House promises, NATO expansion to add three Eastern European nations seems effectively settled.

It would be a major change with relatively minor debate.

Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan is trying to prevent that, saying that to extend the Western military alliance toward the frontiers of Russia risks "the catastrophe of nuclear war."

Strong words, the strongest yet in what has been desultory debate on an issue that has drawn scant public attention. Moynihan and a bloc of Senate allies — no more than 20 at this point — are trying to block ratification of the expansion President Clinton advocates.

To do it, they'd need 34 votes in the Senate, when it acts, probably late this month or next.

"As of now there is not much doubt as to the outcome," the New York senator said. "This could change."

Hence his grim words in an address to the 150th anniversary luncheon of The Associated Press on Monday:

"If we do go ahead, we do have to recognize that without having intended it, we may have raised the prospect of nuclear war to the most intense point it has reached since the beginning of the Nuclear Age."

Obviously, the Russians don't like the expansion, and the administration doesn't pretend otherwise. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Moscow's concerns are being handled through diplomatic consultations.

But Moynihan said a weakened Russia could resort to nuclear weapons for lack of conventional military forces to repeal any future actions Moscow deems a threat to the existence of the Russian Federation.

New endorsements: I wanna be like George, Ronald, Jimmy, and Gerald

BY TOM RAUM ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the commercial world, sports figures might be the most sought-after endorsers for products. But in the world of politics and legislation, ex-presidents are hard to beat.

It's a very exclusive club — with only four present members — and one that is always getting tapped for free endorsements, particularly on measures of major international significance.

These days, the endorsement battle is being fought the hardest over legislation that would expand NATO to include three former Soviet bloc nations — Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

Former President Carter is the latest ex-president to weigh in in support of the NATO enlargement treaty, expected to be debated in the Senate later this week or next. He joins former Presidents Bush and Ford.

Administration officials privately were gleeful that they had lined up Carter's support. Previously, he had been a hold-out — and the opposition to NATO expansion had been increasingly busy in the endorsement business.

Opponents of the enlargement can claim influential Americans across a wide political spectrum, including former Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., who had been chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee; two recent ambassadors to the Soviet Union, Jack Matlock and Arthur Hartman; Paul Nitze, Presi-

dent Reagan's chief arms-control negotiator; former Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker, R-Tenn.; former CIA Director Stansfield Turner and Susan Eisenhower, granddaughter of President Eisenhower, who was NATO's first commander.

But they can't claim a single former president.

The Clinton administration has been particularly active in rounding up former presidents, and even former GOP presidential candidate Bob Dole, for its causes.

The last time Clinton called on the services of the former president's club was in building support for getting Congress to renew his fast-track authority to negotiate international trade agreements.

In that case, the heavyweight support didn't do him much good.

Even though Clinton argued last fall that fast-track was a must-have for him to be able to continue to exercise U.S. trade leadership on the world stage, he didn't get it. The measure was put on a side track instead.

In fact, at last weekend's summit in Santiago, Chile, with other Western Hemisphere leaders, Clinton and top officials played down the need for fast-track authority at this time.

Heavy Democratic opposition, fueled by labor union concerns, led to the withdrawal of the bill late last year — and administration officials say privately it is unlikely to be brought up again until 1999, after this fall's congressional mid-term elections.

Clinton also had sought the support of his predecessor chief executives in his first term when he marshaled support — that time successfully — for the North American Trade Agreement that links the economies of the United States, Canada and Mexico.

After former presidents, former presidential rivals come next in prestige.

Last December, when Clinton wanted to persuade Americans that it would be necessary to keep U.S. peacekeeping troops in Bosnia beyond the June 1998 deadline for withdrawal, he enlisted the support of Dole, his 1996 GOP rival.

And he took Dole with him to Bosnia on a pre-Christmas visit to U.S. troops.

Dole, who was severely wounded in Europe in World War II, had been generally critical of Clinton's Bosnia policy during the 1996 campaign — but he provided the commander-in-chief important support for keeping U.S. troops in Bosnia beyond the deadline.

Dole told U.S. troops this was no time to leave with peace not yet assured.

The lining up of the support of ex-presidents on the NATO legislation "doesn't faze me in the least," said Sen. John Warner, R-Va., the chief Senate opponent of NATO expansion.

He said his side has its own list coming out of about 15 former members of the Senate who oppose the enlargement.

Do senators count as heavily as former presidents in the endorsement battle?

"You bet," Warner said. "This is a very important vote. A lot of senators have kept an open mind."

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by Illiteracy

Flashlight Editors':

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4. Creedence Clearwater Revival - Greatest Hits
5. "Goodfellas" Soundtrack
- * Robert Palmer - The Very Best Of...



Darren "King" Meehan

1. Nirvana - Unplugged In New York
2. Pearl Jam - No Code
3. The Beatles - The White Album
4. Frank Sinatra - Reprise
5. Janis Joplin - Pearl
- * The Who - Tommy Movie Soundtrack

Gene "Gene" Yager

1. Jimi Hendrix - The Essential...
2. Pink Floyd - Dark Side Of The Moon
3. Metallica - Ride The Lightning
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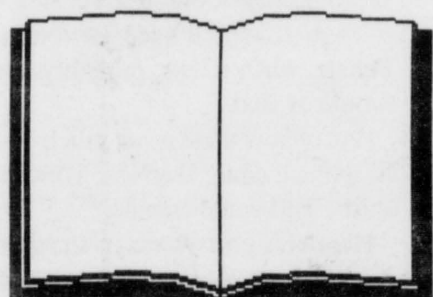
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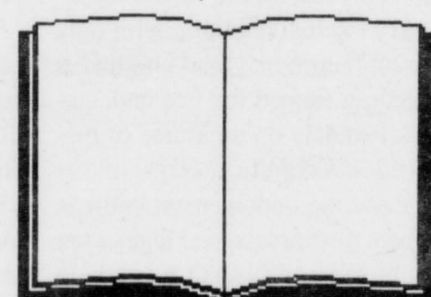
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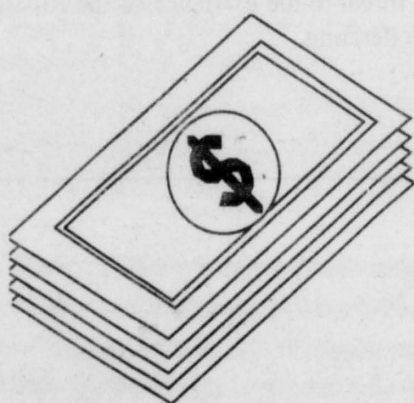


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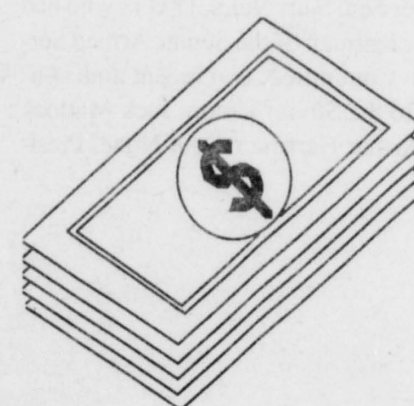
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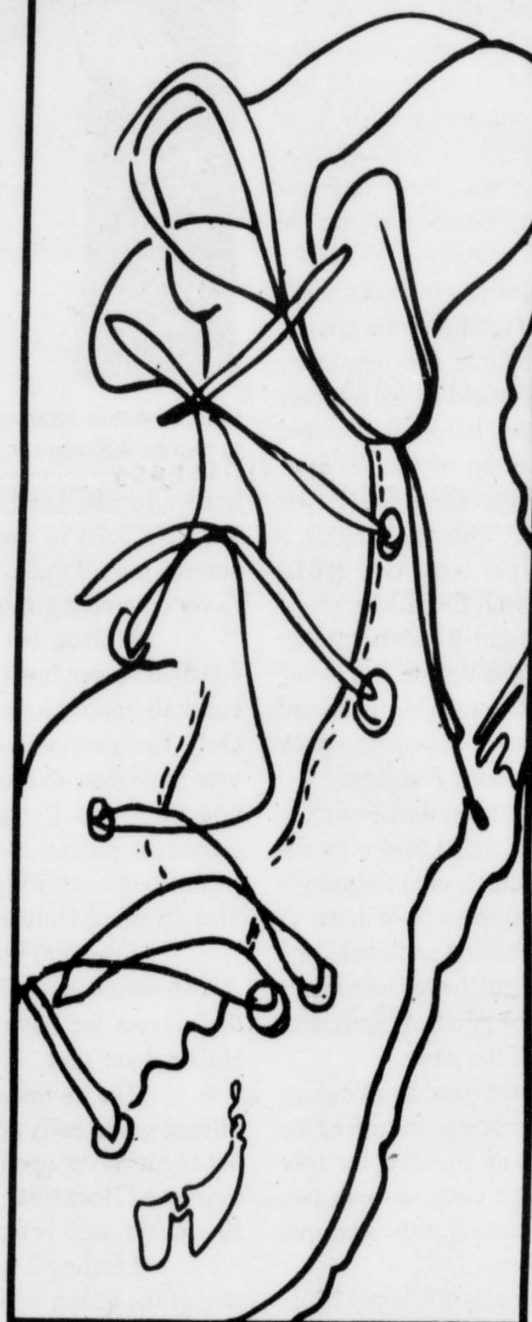
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*Lynn and Leold were
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steady, but they weren't
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*So, Leold said, "Let's give
it a try and let God decide."*

*Lynn, said, "That's
beautiful."*

*Three weeks later, Leold
said, "God decided that
Lynn belongs in Hell."*



Sports

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Friday, April 24, 1998

Hillson wins 400th game of his career

Mountie pitcher Zallie records 200th career strikeout, fourth player in school history

by Jason Feather
sports editor

Entering the week, the Mansfield University Mountaineers baseball team was coming off a rough week, falling to fourth in the PSAC East. Their fortunes have changed, and with an undefeated week, they find themselves back in the thick of things just before the stretch run for the playoffs.

The week started off with a doubleheader sweep of interdivisional for Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP).

Mansfield pounded out 15 hits in the opener, and along with Scot Wilcox's two home runs in the nightcap, the Mountaineers were able to blow away IUP 16-4 and then 5-4 to earn the sweep.

The Mountaineers scored seven runs in the second inning of the opener, highlighted by a three run homer by Mike Mellott. Mansfield would increase its advantage to 16-2 before IUP scored three times in the top of the seventh. Sophomore third baseman Adam Lewis was 4-4 at the dish with two singles, a double and a triple with two RBIs. Mellott went 2-4 with five RBIs.

Senior right-handed pitcher Dan Ebersole picked up the win going five strong innings, improving his record to 4-0 on the season. Ebersole struck out two while scattering five hits.

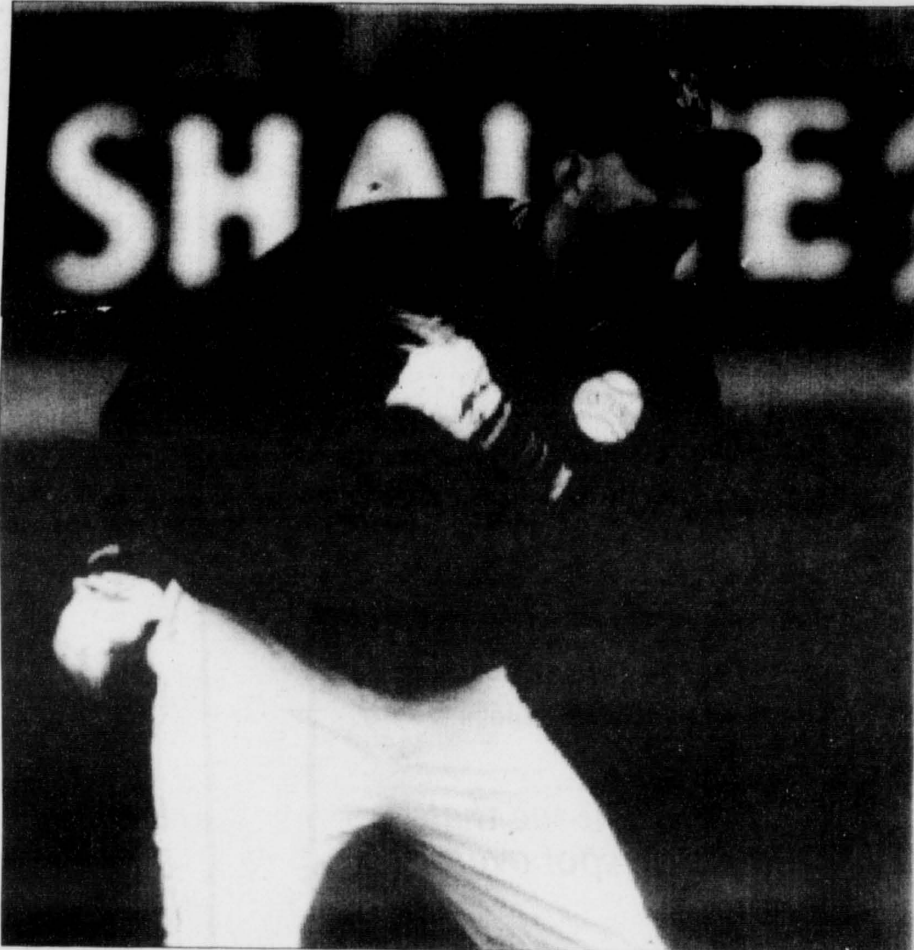
In the nightcap, the Mountaineers jumped out to a 5-0 lead after the first five innings largely on the strength of the two round-trippers by Wilcox. A two-run homer in the first and a solo jack in the third helped put the Mountaineers ahead early, and for good. Wilcox also added four RBIs in the game.

Senior south paw Tim Watkins took a two-hit shutout into the top of the seventh before being touched for four runs. Chris McGee came in with two outs in the seventh to get the last out, and pick up the save.

With their playoffs hopes hanging in the balance, the Mountaineers pick up two more wins in the Eastern Division by sweeping past West Chester University on Wednesday afternoon, 14-3 and 8-2.

The wins were the 399 and 400 for head coach Harry Hillson.

"Really? It's 400 already?" Hillson said after the games. "To be



Mountaineers head baseball coach Harry Hillson became the youngest coach ever to record 400 career wins this week after the Mounties swept West Chester.

honest, I really haven't thought about it. We have been so busy with the season and (trying to) make the playoffs that it never entered my mind."

Hillson became the youngest coach in Pennsylvania NCAA collegiate baseball history to reach the milestone. Only Towanda native Art Fairchild has won more than 400 baseball games while coaching at a Pennsylvania college. Fairchild posted a 676-374-8 career record before retiring after 31 years at Shippensburg University.

"The 400 wins don't really say alot about me, but it does say a lot about the players we have in this program," Hillson later said.

The Mountaineers again got the offense going early and often, slamming out 14 hits in the opener, including home runs by AJ Hoenstine, Mike Marconi and Kris Kann, who is a pitcher.

Leading 2-0 going into the bottom of the fourth inning, the Mountaineers exploded for six runs on five hits and West Chester helped out with four errors. Chris Zallie picked up his sixth win of the season allowing just one hit while striking out six in four innings. He became just the fourth pitcher in MU history to record 200 career strikeouts. He now has 205.

In the nightcap, the Mountaineers

with a double, home run and three RBIs while Costa was 4-6 with a double, home run and two RBIs. Joe Skelly was 3-6 with two doubles and three RBI.

The two wins allowed the Mountaineers to improve to 9-7 overall and pick up a game on first place Millersville.

The Mountaineers picked up two more wins, and finished out their undefeated week, by sweeping the visiting Bald Eagles from Lock Haven on Thursday afternoon, rallying for five runs in the seventh inning of the opener to come from behind for the win.

Freshman Bill Allen surrendered just seven hits in a complete game 5-2 win in the nightcap.

Lock Haven built a 7-4 lead going into the bottom of the seventh inning in the opener before Mansfield rallied for the victory. Freshmen Corey Goodman and Jesse Taylor singled to start off the seventh for the Mountaineers before sophomore Adam Lewis slammed a three-run home run deep over the center field fence to tie the score. Mike Marconi then singled before Mellott ended the game with his 13th home run of the season.

Allen earned his first collegiate complete game win in the nightcap by scattering seven hits while striking out one and walking none. Mansfield scored all the runs they would need in the first inning when Hoenstine doubled and came across on Wilcox's 16th home run of the season.

The wins improved the Mountaineers record to 27-11 overall, and set up an all-important doubleheader showdown tomorrow with Kutztown. Game time is scheduled for 1 p.m.

***Some of the information and quotes in this article were taken from Bill Albright's article in the Williamsport Sun Gazette.

PSAC East Division Standings (as of 4/23/98)

Millersville	13-5
Shippensburg	10-6
MANSFIELD	9-7
Bloomsburg	10-8
Kutztown	9-9
East Stroudsburg	9-9
West Chester	2-17



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Mountie softball suffers three more losses, final games versus ESU Monday

by Tracy Strupp
softball reporter

The Mansfield University women's softball team wrapped up their home schedule today splitting a double-header with Kutztown.

In first game, the Mounties exploded for six hits and scored eight runs. Despite the large lead, then Kutztown came back only to lose the game, 8-7. A controversial call made in the top of the sixth inning which could have tied up the game for Kutztown.

The Golden Bears power hitter, Amy Dombrowski, pounded a shot deep over the fence at Helen Lutes field, only to have it nullified because her teammates congratulated her before she touched home plate. The end result being that she was called out, and the home run was erased. Had she not been



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Sophomore catcher Rosie Pagana attempts to swing at a pitch in a game earlier this season. Pagana and the Mountaineers have had a rough time of it this season going 12-21 overall. This past week the Mountie softball team was swept by Bloomsburg and split with Kutztown Universities. Their final game is on Monday against ESU.

called out, the game would have been tied.

Sophomore Kelly Morris picked up the win on the mound for the Mountaineers while Angie Crater earned the save.

Senior Jen Radicchi had an excellent game going 2-3 with two runs batted in (RBI).

In the nightcap, Mansfield started off the first with one run scored by Missy Tyson off of Kim Swarts' single. The Mounties didn't score again, and went on to lose the game, 2-1.

Earlier in the week, the Mountaineers softball team was swept by conference powerhouse Bloomsburg University, 6-1 and 11-3.

Mansfield is currently 12-21 overall and 5-17 in the PSAC. Their final game of the season is on Monday afternoon when they travel to East Stroudsburg University at 1 p.m. The game is a make-up from when it was rained out earlier in the season.

Track team competes at Lafayette Invitational

special to the Flashlight

Freshman Lamar Crawford topped the Mountaineers men's track team with a fourth place finish in the long jump at the Lafayette Invitational.

Crawford was fourth in the long jump with his leap of 6.55 meters and also took sixth in the high jump with a mark of 6-2.

Freshman Todd Stewart posted an eighth best time of 8:55.77 in the 3,000 meters while sophomore Dave Coyle had the eighth fastest time of 31 runners in the 400 meters at 49.7.

Costa named the Flashlight Athlete of the Week



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Scott Costa, a sophomore catcher on the Mansfield University Mountaineers baseball team, is this week's Flashlight Athlete of the Week.

Costa was a huge part of the Mountaineers undefeated week going 4-6 including a double, home run and two RBI's in a doubleheader sweep of West Chester on Wednesday afternoon.

He along with Scot Wilcox and Mike Mellott broke open a 2-2 tie in the bottom of the third inning. Each player smack solo round-trippers in the Mountaineers five run third inning that put them ahead for good.

The sweep over the Golden Rams gave Mountie skipper Harry Hillson his 399 and 400 career victories. He became the youngest coach in Pennsylvania NCAA collegiate baseball to reach the milestone.

Costa was also 2-3 in the first game of a sweep over Indiana University of Pennsylvania on Monday. He also contributed an RBI single in the first game of the Mountaineers sweep of Lock Haven on yesterday.

The Mountaineers are currently in a tie for third place, and have key games in the upcoming weeks against Kutztown, East Stroudsburg and Shippensburg Universities. Mansfield is 27-11 overall and 9-7 in the PSAC Eastern Division.

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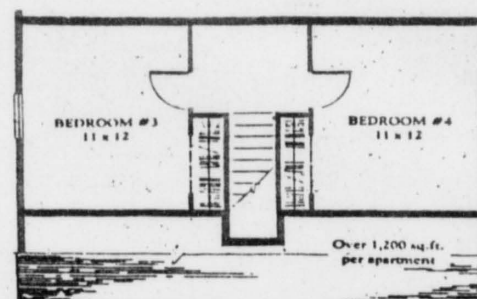
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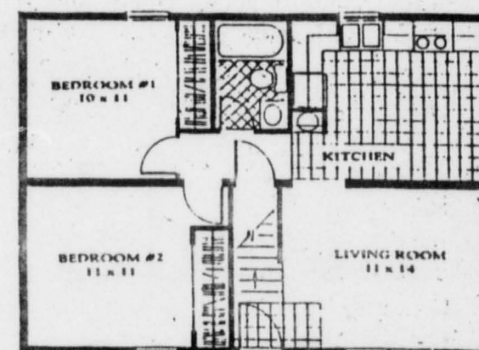
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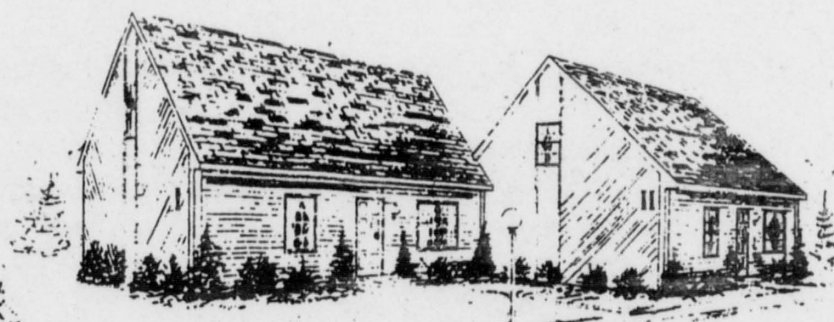


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Special Report:

The Year 2000 computer problem

Microsoft says Year 2000 glitch a problem



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Microsoft founder Bill Gates revealed that the company will have a problem with the Year 2000 glitch.

SEATTLE (AP) — More people need to worry about Jan. 1, 2000, and whether the "year 2000" glitch will trash their computers that day, Microsoft says. And it points out a few more things to fret over, including Sept. 9, 1998, Feb. 29, 2000, and Word 5.0 for DOS.

Microsoft, whose software is found on nearly every personal

computer, on Wednesday launched a new Internet site with information on how its products will handle the change to the new millennium, and what companies and individuals can do to avoid end-of-the-century sorrow.

All but three Microsoft programs will handle the date change with little or no problem, said Jason Matusow, manager of Microsoft's year 2000 compliance program. But those three were among the company's premier application programs when they were introduced.

Microsoft's centerpiece product, the Windows operating system that runs on 90 percent of all personal computers, is generally OK, or "year 2000 compliant," Matusow said.

Windows 98, the upgrade due out June 25, fully meets year 2000 requirements.

Programs with problems with the year 2000 glitch

* Noncompliant with the Year 2000 glitch

Access 2.0
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Office Professional v. 4.3 (Access 2.0 only)

* Compliant with some minor issues

FoxPro v. 2.6
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\$4.3 billion Denver Airport not ready to face the year 2000



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Denver International Airport, which although it features a state-of-the-art tollet system, it will face challenges as the year 2000 approaches.

DENVER (AP) — Billed by some as the airport for the 21st century, the \$4.3 billion Denver International Airport reportedly is not ready to face computer glitches set to occur at the start of the new millennium.

An airport task force set up to study Year 2000 computer problems has identified 100 systems that could present problems once internal computer clocks switch from 1999 to 2000.

Of those, 40 systems have been deemed "mission critical," according to a report in the April 17-23 edition of The Denver Business Journal.

But airport officials said the report is "inaccurate and extremely misleading."

"While we believe the majority of the systems will prove to be Year 2000 compliant, DIA has undertaken an extensive project to assess, test and ensure that the more than 100 separate computer systems operating at the airport will function as required in the year 2000," said Vicki Braunagel, deputy manager of aviation/administration.

The airport has received writ-

ten assurances from software and hardware vendors that the majority of critical systems are already Year 2000 compliant, Braunagel said.

Systems identified by the Journal as vulnerable include the airport's underground train, airport communications boards, flight and baggage information displays, and the much-maligned baggage system, according to the report.

"I think this shows an appalling lack of planning," said Michael Boyd, president of the Boyd Group, a Denver-area aviation forecasting research company.

The airport opened in February 1995.

"I would have thought the one thing they could have done right at DIA was 2000 compliance. After all, the plan was to build the airport for the 21st century," Boyd said.

The airport's Century 2000 Project task force has been trying to plan for expected computer problems for more than a year.

Year 2000 problems are ex-

pected to appear in computer systems programmed to recognize dates with two digits, such as '98, instead of four, such as 2000. The glitch could lead to system failures or incorrect results.

Airport officials said they do not have a timeline for getting the facility in line for Year 2000 compliance, but they are confident the problem will get fixed in time. They have not put a price tag on bringing the airport up to code.

"We have every intention of solving this problem before Jan. 1, 2000," said airport spokesman Chuck Cannon. "But if the airport gets all our systems in compliance and the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) doesn't, the airport will not

"I think this shows an appalling lack of planning."

Michael Boyd, president of the Boyd Group

work."

Tom Geimer, chairman of Accler8 Technology Corp., a Denver-based company working on Year 2000 problems, said the longer airport officials wait to budget for Year 2000 problems, the more the solution will cost.

"These services will only get more expensive as we get closer to the millennium," Geimer said.

The FAA reportedly has admitted it is behind schedule in addressing the computer problem.

Calender

Friday 4/24/98

3:45 Concert Choir Performance at PMEA State Conference in Luther Sanctuary, Erie, Pennsylvania.
4:30 Dinner in Manser.
8:00 Small Ensemble Concert Choir in Steadman.
10:00 "USA UP All Night" on USA Network.

Saturday 4/25/98

1:00 pm Baseball at Home vs. Kutztown.
3:00 pm Small Ensemble Concert in Steadman.
7:00 pm Concert Wind Ensemble in Steadman.

8:00 MAC Movie in Allen Hall featuring "Jerry Springer, too hot for TV," followed by "Star Wars."

10:00 "The Warriors" on TNT's Monstervision with Joe Bob Briggs and Reno the mail girl.

Sexual Awareness Week Program: Car Wash at Wal Mart.

Sunday 4/26/98

1:00 pm baseball at home against East Stroudsburg.
2:00 pm Orchestra Composers Concert sponsored by MUSCS in Steadman.
8:00 MAC Movie in Allen Hall featuring "The Empire Strikes Back" and "Revenge

of the Jedi."

Monday 4/27/98

Honors Convocation
4:30 Flashlight Advisor Honor Dinner in Memorial 204.
9:00 SGA in 204 Memorial Hall.

Tuesday 4/28/98

International Discussion Hour in Martin Luther King Jr. Center. Topic: Managing Anger and Stress.
8:00 pm Chamber Singers Concert in Steadman Theater.

Wednesday 4/29/98

12:00 pm Central Dauphin

High School Chorus at Steadman.

Corning Painted Post School District will be on Campus to interview seniors interested in teaching. Sign up in advance with career services 305 South Hall. 662-4133.
10:00 "South Park" on Comedy Central.

Thursday 4/30/98

7:00 MAC meeting in 204 Memorial Hall.
2:00 Flashlight Editors seek out Student Voices: "What day do you think it is?"
3:00 International Hour of the Turkey Sub.

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Administrators join Relay for life

special to The Flashlight

Ten Mansfield University employees, including Vice President for Student Affairs Joseph Maresco and several top administrators, have set what they consider one of the most important goals of their lives — raising \$3,000 for the Tioga County Unit of the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" program.

This is the third year Maresco has led a university team in the Relay for Life, which this year takes place May 15-16 at MU's Van Norman Field.

"The university community has a number of current and former members, both students and staff, who have fought

and survived, are still fighting, or, regrettably, have lost their battles with cancer," Maresco says. "Our team would like to enlist as much support as possible from the MU family."

Other "Mighty Mounties" team members include Carmen Bianco, director of housing; Sandy Brant, library circulation supervisor; Bill Koernig, custodial services manager and mayor of the Borough of Mansfield; Marilyn Lapps, residence life secretary; Mike Lemasters, director of residence life; Roger Maisner, director of athletics; Sandy Reynolds, facilities secretary; Hugh Schintzius, director of recreation; Christine Shegan, director of university safety and police.

The \$3,000 goal more than doubles the team's total amount raised in 1997. To reach the goal, the team has more than

doubled its efforts.

The team began by soliciting donations across campus, in the community and from friends and relatives far and near. In addition, on Saturday, May 2, the group will wash cars at the Mansfield Wal-Mart from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and take a collection at the intersection of routes 6 and 15 in Mansfield during the same hours.

Those interested in aiding the team's fund-raising efforts — and contribute to finding a cure for cancer — are asked to bring their vehicles to Wal-Mart on May 2, drop some cash in the buckets at the intersection that day or send a check payable to the American Cancer Society in care of any of the team members, Mansfield University, Mansfield, PA, 16933.

Rec Center dedicated to Kelchner

Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

Mansfield University honored retiring President Rod Kelchner by dedicating the new fitness center in his name Thursday afternoon in front of the facility.

Members of the Board of Trustees and members of the Student Government Association officially recognized the Rod C. Kelchner Fitness Center in a ceremony before students, faculty and other members of the community.

A surprised Kelchner was addressed by several members of SGA who expressed their appreciation for his years of service to the community.

Speaker Matt Fogg read a statement on behalf of other members of SGA.

"Had it not been for Rod, we wouldn't have North Hall, the new Rec Center or the soon-to-be-completed Student Center," he said. "As big as North Hall stands, it will always be in your shadow."

Board of Trustee member Lewis Lee presented Kelchner with a framed certificate officially recognizing the dedication.

"Today marks a really special event," he said.

Lee later added that the building chosen couldn't have been more appropriate.

"He is so deserving," he said. "Rod is an advocate of fitness and sports. It's just a natural for him."

Kelchner modestly accepted the honor after former SGA President Steve Winnie unveiled a plaque in the lobby of the building.

"I'm not that good," he said after Winnie read the inscription on the plaque. Before unveiling the plaque inside, Kelchner was greeted by a stand-

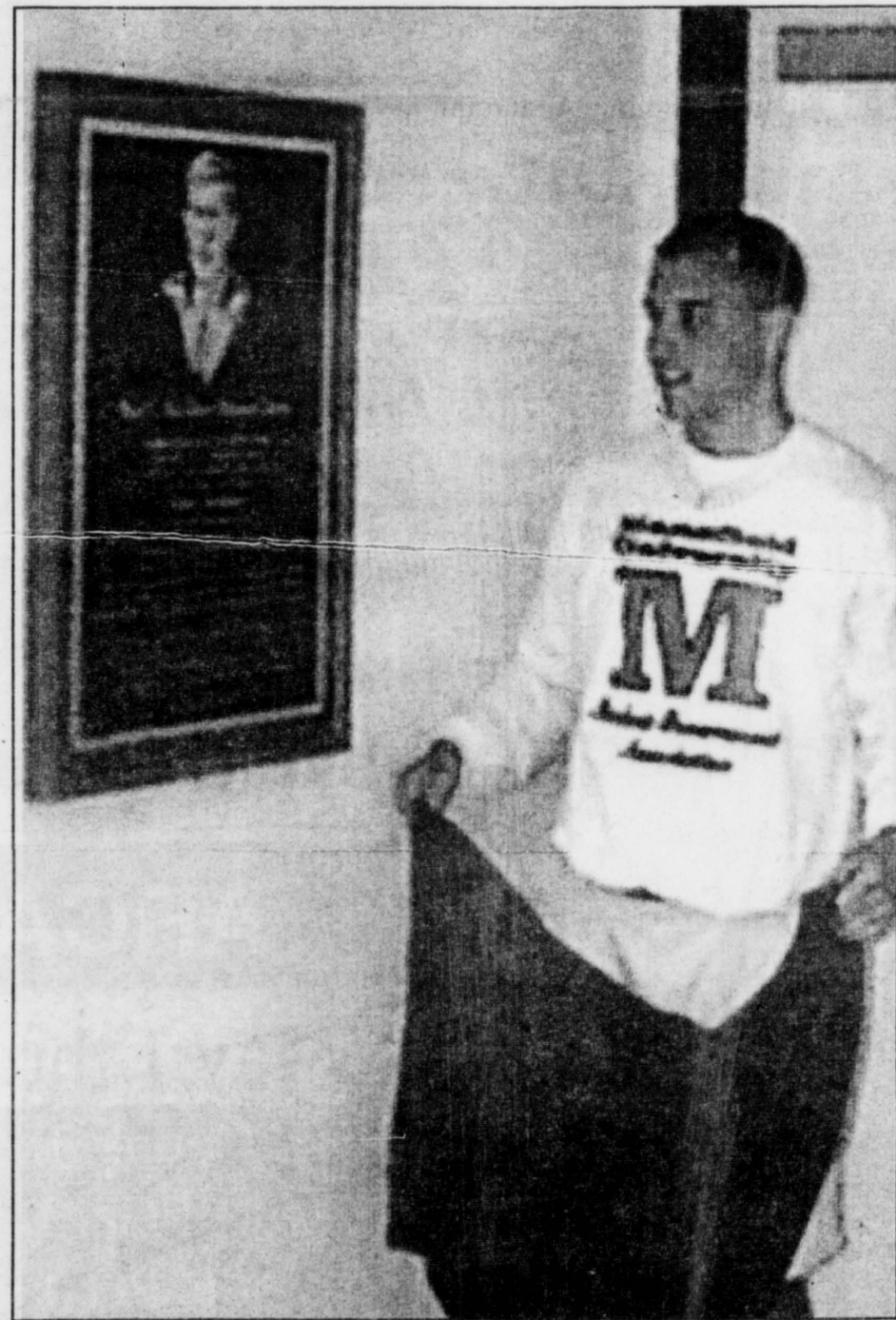


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Former SGA President Steve Winnie unveils a plaque commemorating the dedication of the Rod C. Kelchner Fitness Center Thursday afternoon. "As big as North Hall is, it will always be in your shadow," SGA Speaker Matt Fogg said of Kelchner.

ing ovation outside as he approached the crowd.

"The look on his face when he was walking down past Maple Hall... it

was wonderful," Lee said.

Kelchner addressed the crowd outside and thanked those present for the times he had at MU.

Out with old, in with new for SGA

Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

The new Mansfield university Student Government Association was introduced at the weekly meeting Monday night in Memorial Hall.

President Steve Winnie vacated his position and introduced his successor, Michele Hosey, who began the task of filling her executive board.

Winnie commended his executive board and senators on a successful year and wished the next senate the best of luck while he is working at an internship in Harrisburg.

Hosey also thanked the senators who are leaving at the end of this semester, including those who have spent many years on SGA. She specifically acknowledged Rustin Kreider, former SGA Parliamentarian who will be graduating next week.

"Rustin should be commended for all he's done," she said.

Before vacating his position, Kreider proposed a refined list of clubs and organizations the Committee on Finance should consider when distributing funds.

Kreider said that approximately six organizations were cut, including the Golf Club and the Adventure Club.

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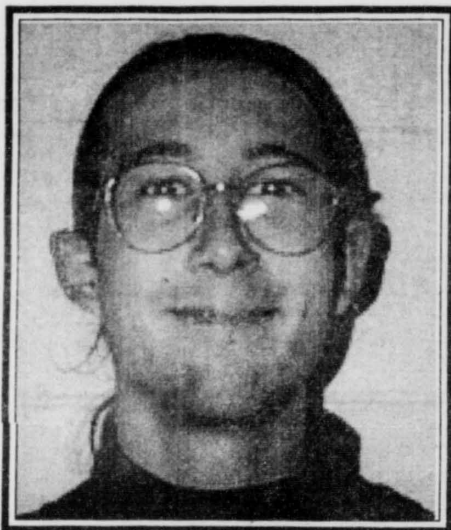
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New senators: Misty Ackkey, Earl Cottrell, Ben Chinkabzi, Art Kasson, Alyssa Klementisz, Don Kotowski, Jessica Niemy

Campus Voices

"How will you handle finals stress?"

by Melissa Wascalus



Ian Kaiser

Senior

"Avoidance."



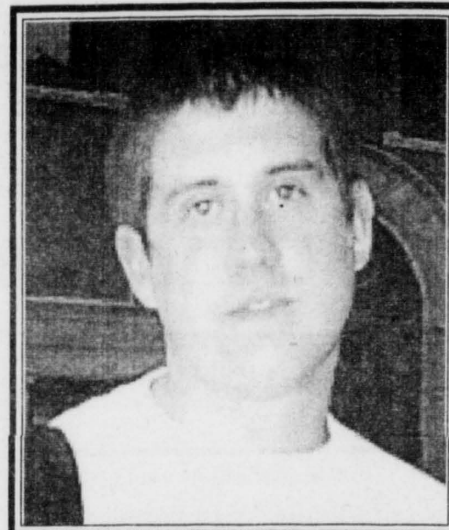
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Junior

"THE BAR."

Amy Parker

Junior



Marquand Brown

Senior

"I'm not stressed at all."

from Kelchner, pg 1

"I really appreciate the opportunity you've given me to work with you," he said.

He also remarked about the color of the rec center.

"I like the colors more now than I did before," he said.

Some students questioned the gold and green colors used on the entrance.

SGA Senator Rob Thomas, confessed in his address that he believed Kelchner had already renamed the facility.

"I thought it was already named for you because of the 'Golden Rod,' he

said.

Kelchner was lured to the Fitness Center under the belief that he was headed to Cedarcrest Manor for a discussion concerning allocations and athletics.

Kelchner announced his retirement last summer. He officially vacates his position June 30, when Dr. John Halstead becomes president.

Kelchner and wife Joan will move to the Penn State area, where he admits he'll be missing something.

"When I move on, I will have an opportunity to talk to alums and faculty and administrators, but there won't be students around," he said.



photo by Darren A. Meehan

Members of the Mansfield University Board of Trustees in attendance at the dedication include (left to right) John Dunham, Tama, Merle McCalips, Rod Kelchner, Steve Winnie, Lewis Lee, Ralph Meyer and Howard Smith.

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President Rodney C. Kelchner reflects on career

Mansfield University President Rod Kelchner will retire June 30 after almost 35 years of service, leaving behind a legacy of dedication to the students

Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

When Mansfield University President Rod Kelchner started student teaching in the 1950s, he began to realize the role of a teacher and today, as he prepares for his final weeks as the leader of a small university, he recalls the reason he ever went into the teaching business.

"The first group of students I had in 1955 were such good people and I thought 'students are what's important in this business,' he said. 'Students have all treated me the students have treated derfully. We (teachers) teach sci-math, we kids.'

In years as MU, Kelchner received respect students in ways. On Thursday, fitness and recreation center dedicated and renamed the Rod C. Kelchner Fitness Center.

A few years ago, students rallied together in support of Kelchner when members of the Board of Trustees suggested replacing him. Students sold "Save the Rod" t-shirts and banned together to influence the voting of Board members.

And now, as Kelchner leaves behind his office in North Hall, a building renovated after his diligence in raising millions of dollars in contributions, he confesses that he and his wife will miss the music of MU as much anything.

"Joan and I are both going to miss the music," he said. "We have had the pleasure of experiencing great music here at Mansfield. We really have some great musicians here."

He'll also miss the respect he received from the community.

"I'm sure I'm going to miss the opportunity to give opinions," he said. "I'm flattered when people ask for my opinion."

Although he doesn't expect to miss his job, he knows he'll miss something.

"I might miss going to work; I don't know," he said. "This is a great job. You have a chance for input and you can change policy."

As part of his position, Kelchner lives in a house on campus and encounters students as soon as he opens the door.

"What I'll probably miss the most is the student contact," he said. "I won't be able to walk out my front door to get the scoop."

Over the summer, the Kelchners will vacate the house as his replacement, Dr. John Halstead, and his family move in. Kelchner hopes Halstead begins with a university representative of the retiring leader.

"I have to make sure that I turn over to Dr. Halstead an institution that is ready for him to manage and manage well," he said. "The statements we wanted to make have been made. I want to turn over to him a nice neat package so he doesn't have to fill in big gaps. I just don't want my cabinet to say to him, 'I don't know where we are on that'. I don't want to give him smoke and mirrors."

In his time at Mansfield University, Kelchner rose from Assistant Dean of Men to his current role as president. In this time he met many students and as he readies for retirement, students shared experiences with him.

Christian White, sophomore, recalls the first time he met Kelchner. White was quoted in a story earlier in the semester as saying that he hadn't met the president.

Within days, Kelchner's secretary had contacted White and arranged a meeting.

"I went in and he introduced himself," White said. "I was just a freshman and here he was, the president, introducing himself to me."

Since then, White has gained a tremendous amount of respect for Kelchner.

"I haven't met Dr. Halstead yet, but PK is going to be tough to replace," White said.

Kelchner's experience with White is reflective of his interaction with students.

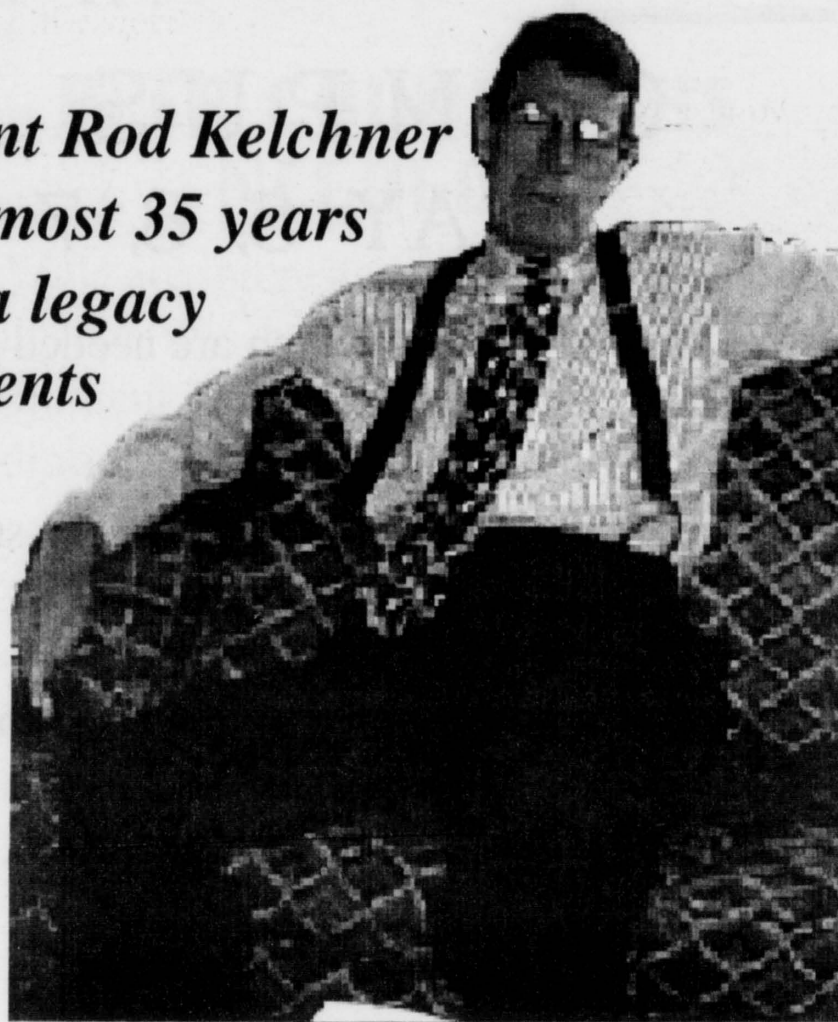
"Students will ask questions, some of them legitimate," he said. "We have to answer them."

In the end, one of the only gray clouds still hovering over Kelchner's head is enrollment and even then, he remains optimistic.

"It's not as bright as I hoped," he confessed. "I'm slightly optimistic about the projections for next year but it's not going as quickly as I would like."

President Kelchner announced his retirement last summer and will officially step down June 30. In the meantime, Kelchner and his wife will begin the process of packing decades of memories for their trip to Penn State, where he intends to spend his days golfing, among other things.

"They have about five good courses," he said.



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Kelchner in 1967



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President Kelchner will be leaving his job as president of Mansfield University on June 30th.

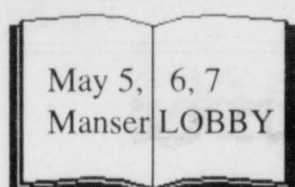
Kelchner Trivia Facts

***Kelchner got his start at MU in 1964 as the Assistant Dean of men.**

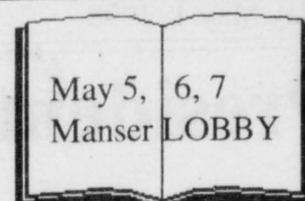
***Cassius Clay, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Vincent Price have all slept in the president's house.**

***Kelchner is a die hard Green Bay Packers fan.**

***Kelchner was instrumental in the resurrection of North Hall.**



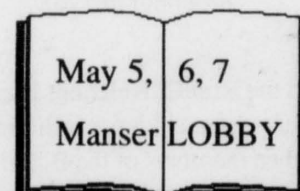
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Campus Bulletin Board

Spring Commencement

**Exercise will be held
on Saturday, May 9,
1998 at 11:00 AM on Karl
Van Norman Field.**

Calling all Lifeguards!!

The Tioga County Chapter of the American Red Cross is organizing classes to equip the area's lifeguards for pool season. Lifeguard certifications are valid for three years, with annual recertification in CPR for the Professional Rescuer. Registration has begun for two classes which will be conducted before pool session opens.

To reserve a place, lifeguards must contact the Chapter by May 11, by calling Joanne Boyd, Health and Safety Coordinator, at 717-724-2491

PEER COUNSELORS NEEDED!!

If YOU are interested in working as a peer counselor this summer, please make an appointment with Dr. Toni. You can receive additional information and schedule an appointment by calling 4436.

COM 101 Special Section for Apprehensive Students.

For any student who still needs to complete the COM 101 requirement AND is facing a large amount of communication apprehension, there is a special section of COM 101. It is offered once each semester and fulfills the oral communication requirement. This section is by permission of instructor only and meets this fall at 9:00 MWF (COM 101-03) It requires a short interview (about 15 minutes) and some paperwork before you can register. For further information contact Dr. Carrish at 4371 or email scarrish@mnsfld.edu



Final Call for Art Work!



1998, MU Juried Student Art Exhibit

Entry forms and exhibit syllabus are available outside of the Art Department's outer office in Allen Hall, and the University Gallery in North Hall. Open to all media, work must be turned into room 102 of Allen Hall by the end of this semester. Questions? call #4500 or Mr. Loomis at #4505

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A smokin' idea for
Mansfield University

It would be impossible for anyone who works for Mansfield University to say that this university is not trying to make money. There would also be quite a few students that would agree with this statement. Let's face it, this school, like any other, is a business and it has to make money to stay in business. We at the *Flashlight* have a suggestion for this university to increase its profits.

Cigarettes! Why can't the bookstore keep some smokes stocked behind the counter for the students to buy if they wish? They would sell quite well, too. If a student is given the choice of walking all the way downtown to get some cigarettes or just walking into Manser for a pack any student would probably just go to Manser out of convenience. It would probably not be too unreasonable if the university decided to sell the cigarettes at maybe a five cent markup.

We're not saying that all students should smoke, nor are we advocating smoking to the students who already do smoke. But we must accept the fact that a good amount of the students on this campus do smoke. The truth is, people will buy cigarettes and continue to smoke no matter how expensive cigarettes are or how much somebody says it's bad for you. So, why shouldn't this campus capitalize on this fact?

Whether you want to believe it or not, the U.S. government does this same exact thing. Everyone knows that there is a big campaign by the government to stop people from smoking. The most recent example is the mandatory ID checks when someone buys a pack of cigarettes. This is acceptable. No one wants their twelve year old child smoking.

But another move that the government also makes in their "fight against smoking" is rises in the amount of taxes that they get off of every pack sold. If the government really wanted to stop people from smoking through taxes then they would raise the price so high that simply nobody would be able to afford to buy cigarettes anymore. This is not the case.

The government realizes that they can make a lot of money by keeping the price reasonable and take a slice of the profits. Tobacco will never be banned in the country because the powers that be would stand to lose too much money.

If an idea like this is good enough for our own government, why can't we also do the same?

The truth of the matter is that this university needs to make money. Otherwise, a lot of people would be left without jobs and a lot of students would have to find somewhere else to get their education. Shouldn't this school make every attempt to exhaust all of the possible money making possibilities available. This is simply another cash cow that this university could be taking advantage of. And, maybe, the price of other things could be cut. Even if not drastically.

Student disagrees with editorial

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Mansfield Activities Council (MAC) because we need to set the record straight. First, I would like to quote The *Flashlight* on February 20th, "Students pay an activities fee for a reason: they expect activities throughout the year ... the question is raised: where are all of the MAC events this semester?" I would like to list just some of the events that MAC held this semester: Gift Pack Giveaway, Earth From Space Lecture Program, Loni Gamble and Sound Cheque Valentine's Day Program, Overpopulation Lecture Program, Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band Program, Comedy Night Program, Washington, DC Bus Trip, WWA Wrestling Program, "We Found The Titanic" Lecture Program, Airbrush Artist for MapleFest, Co-sponsored MapleFest, Yolk/G-Money Program, the following movies:

Devil's Advocate, Starship Troopers, Jackie Brown, and Fallen, as well as the following movies in conjunction with the English Department's Spring Film Series: Paris is Burning, Basquiat. Later, in the same editorial, The *Flashlight* goes on to say, "We at the *Flashlight* would just love to hear the explanation to this one, and would gladly print the information to enlighten everyone who wants to know where MAC went." Well, I hope that you are satisfied as to the whereabouts of MAC — I assure you, we are alive and kicking thank you. Later in the editorial, you go on to write about the students getting screwed over. We at MAC don't feel that we are screwing over

the students, and we hope that anyone who does feel that they are being screwed over should come and voice their opinions to us directly.

In the April 17th editorial, The *Flashlight* says that WWA "Flopped. Hard." This is not

correct, WWA paid for itself, thought we did not make much, we didn't lose any either, and we're not in the business of making money anyway. Another fallacy in that Editorial is that

Student Activities was given more money to "Police the actions of MAC by controlling most of the capital that the two entities could possibly share." MAC and SAO are two different organizations which happen to work very closely together. Usually, MAC supports most of what SAO does. Next year, SAO will have the liberty to do what it wants without the help of MAC. So, neither organization "controls" the other. Also, in regards to the April 17th Editorial Cartoon, we saw it coming last semester, after the concert.

Thank you,
Bryan Murphy
Acting President
Mansfield Activities Council

Commentary Policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary may turn it in to the *Flashlight* office by 5 PM. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writers name, major, class, and phone number. Nonstudents are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.

Letters to the Editor Policy

The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is unwilling to take responsibility for the letter's content. So, why should we?

In order to preserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

The *Flashlight* reserves the right to condense or edit your letter for the sake of length or clarity. Letters should be typed and double spaced. They can be dropped off at the *Flashlight* office, 217 Memorial Hall.

Commentary

Editor talks nice about PK

Darren A. Meehan
editor in chief

In this last week of the paper, I need to address several things. For starters, any student who doesn't think Rod Kelchner's retirement will directly affect them is a jackass.

We might do well with Dr. John Halstead, but we'd be better off if PK were sticking around. I have known PK for all three of my years here at MU and he is one of the most respectful and honest persons I've ever met. If I screwed up, he told me and he complimented me when I succeeded.

I can also honestly say he is one of a select few who have never said "no comment" when asked a question. Sometimes getting information out of people around here is harder than finding a parking space close to North Hall.

And he trusted me. If there was a question asked with a sensitive answer, he'd go off the record and give me the truth instead of lying on the record.

I probably sound like a piss-pot, but he's one of the best people I've met since I've been here. We can name a building after him and toast him all night (Saturday, I'll be toasting him all day if you want to join me) but we'll never be able to sufficiently thank him.

If you see President Kelchner between now and the end of June, take time to stop him and thank him, even if you never met him. He deserves it.

He's helped The Flashlight, he's helped the student government, he's helped Greeks, he's supported athletics and music and everything else we, as students, have done.

Our page three tribute is a small token of appreciation from all of us at The Flashlight and we hope PK and Mrs. Kelchner have a happy retirement.

I've had a great time as editor

in chief this semester and I would like to salute the staff here at the newspaper. Every person who contributed to the newspaper this semester deserves a mountain of praise because we published a paper ever scheduled week and managed to keep things going with a limited staff.

I'd also like to say that last weekend's Pig roast was one of the best times I've had up here. Everyone was in a good mood and it seemed like a good time was had by all.

I've heard from a couple of Greeks that there is some kind of statewide ban on alcohol in fraternity and sorority houses that will take effect in 1999. From what I have gathered from PK and others, this is just a rumor.

And if it isn't just a rumor, do something about it. It's not too late. For God's sake, we're adults, isn't it a little ridiculous that most of us are 21 or older and they're trying to dictate policy on something that is a personal choice?

If you don't want to drink, don't drink. If you're old enough to drink, drink as much as you want. I've heard complaints from several Greeks about how this sucks and it does—but it's not final yet, if it happens at all. I really don't think it's gonna happen because the people running the show aren't that pathetic.

If it is true, you guys can sign petitions and voice your objections. I'm sure there are enough students on this campus who think something like this would be ridiculous and they're hungry for a good cause. I'm telling you, it won't be hard to find students who have tremendous resolve and will when the cause they are fighting for wears a Blue Ribbon and carries a silver bullet.

If there was ever a cause to fight for on a college campus, booze is it. There isn't anything students will rally around as much as beer, Greek or not.

Sex and little girls object of talk in Mississippi Legislature

BY JACK ELLIOTT JR ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

An AP News Analysis<

Men in the Mississippi Legislature would not consider it male bonding. But the teen pregnancy debate in the 1998 session had a decidedly macho tone.

A young man's first sexual experience was talked of in terms of a rite of passage, a step to adulthood something akin to killing a first deer. It was discussed in terms of young women, gussied up to appear older than their tender years, luring young men, with hormones raging, into sex.

The punishment was five years to 20 years in some cases for teen-agers who force sex on someone 16 and younger.

Hog wash, says Sen. Neely Carlton, D-Greenville, whose dander was up much like the testosterone levels in the male-dominated Senate.

"It's not that I don't understand that perspective, but certainly that is not the only issue.

"I am quite frankly very offended that the entire tone of the conversation was an Adam and Eve argument—the evilness of the woman luring the man into a position that he had no control over.

"I don't buy that and I don't appreciate it from a woman's perspective," Carlton said.

Carlton said no man should be so smitten that he cannot slow down and find

out how old a woman is.

But that was how the debate went.

"I understand the position of those who were concerned about that bill, concerned for the unintended effect of that bill.

"The thing is that we do have a problem with older adults having sex with people, with teen-agers who are not mature enough to make those type of decisions and are greatly influenced by the maturity of those adults. It is imperative that we set a public policy statement that we want our adults to be responsible for their actions especially with regard to our teen-agers," Carlton said.

The "unintended effect" that got Carlton justly perturbed was Sen. Johnnie Walls' concern for a young man who made a mistake getting involved with a minor.

"So you've got an 18-year-old man... now a convicted felon and he has to register as a sex offender which will follow him the rest of his life. How does that help us? Let's deal with the old men who are doing this.

"We just need to be realistic. Fifteen-year-old girls don't look like 15-year-olds. These young boys who meet them may not know it. We are dealing with the real world. We think this is going to curb teen-age pregnancy, but we are going to give some 18-year-old kids a lifetime with a stigma as a sex offender," said Walls, D-Greenville.

Former SGA president describes goals and says Goodbye

Steve Winny
guest commentator

Fellow students, this is my farewell address. I wrote to you at the beginning of this semester telling you of all that your Student Government had in store, and now I am writing you to tell you what we have done.

Throughout the course of the semester, your S.G.A. representatives worked incredibly hard. We worked together in order to represent you the students as effectively as possible.

As a body, we labored to achieve the goals that we had set forth for ourselves. At the same time, we attempted to address your concerns and answer your questions to the best of our ability. This is what we accomplished.

Our primary goal for the semester was to serve the students. We did this by establishing what we call "Question Time." This occurs the last Thursday of every month in Lower Manser from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. You may have seen several of your S.G.A.

representatives, wearing T-shirts with giant M's on the front, circulating around the area asking for your comments or concerns.

Your concerns were then categorized and dealt with, often in depth, at our meetings. We are also currently in the process of constructing suggestion boxes. These three boxes will be clearly labeled and will be strategically placed around campus.

They are open to any and all suggestions, which will also be dealt with at our meetings. Other forms of ser-

vice include spending hours upon hours in meetings, fighting for the re-opening of the Retan Computer Lab, and representing your voices on University Committees.

Our second goal was service to the community. In relation to this, we ran an add in the local Pennysaver, offering our services to anyone in the community in need of labor in any form. We also took part in the recent Tioga County Special Olympics, and handed out balloons and prizes at the Homecoming parade.

Furthermore, we will be participating in the March of Dimes Walk this weekend in Towanda. Our third goal was the development of an S.G.A. Brochure. I will be honest, it is not completed yet. However, it should be available to all incoming students during orientation sessions this summer.

Our fourth goal was to better represent our organization and our University on the Board of Student Government Presidents.

Again, we did this to the best of our ability by attending conferences in Harrisburg, Kutzown, and most recently in Millersville.

Each trip was incredibly beneficial for us, and at the last one we were recognized as an organization for our outstanding service and dedication to the State System of Higher Education and its students. I would also like to note that your new President, Michele Hosey, has been named the interim chair of B.S.G.P. Our fifth

goal was to maintain our membership.

We did a fair job of this, and perhaps could have done better. Many

of our senators were stricken by apathy and as a result either resigned or just flat out did not show up to meetings. S.G.A. did its best to remove

excessively absent senators and replace them through special elections.

Our sixth goal was to increase publicity. This was accomplished through the purchasing and wearing of our S.G.A. "Community Through Unity" t-shirts, a commercial that is near completion, posters radio shows, and Flashlight Coverage. In reference to this, I would like to thank Darren Meehan for his excellent reporting on our meetings and Mike Perrottii for sharing his air time with us on WNTN.

Our seventh goal was committee representation. As senators, we represent you on a variety of University Committees. Everything from Food Service, to Academic Affairs, to C.O.F.

As a whole, the Senate did represent you very well. In conversations with faculty, they were generally pleased with our attendance and representation of student views.

Our eighth goal was to improve cooperation within S.G.A. Despite some differences of opinion, and with the help of the excellent advisement of Mr. Maresco, we did this very well.

By semester's end we were working collaboratively with one another on several projects and producing results. Had various internal functions throughout the semester to better enhance this cooperation, and they appear to have paid off.

Our ninth goal was to improve organizational cooperation. This may have been our area of least success. De-

spite repeated suggestions from S.G.A. and C.O.F. many organizations still want to go their own ways and not collaborate.

There are a few who do however, and I commend them for this. However, the majority still need to make a great deal of improvement in their efforts to collaborate with other organizations. We will continue to work on this. Our final goal was to put together some sort of Presidential Farewell Ceremony.

At the time I am writing this, I can only hope that all goes well on Thursday, as we express our incredibly sincere gratitude for all that Rod Kelchner has done for the students of Mansfield University.

There you have it. That is my second and final semester as S.G.A. President. I am taking an internship in the state capitol next semester, but the incoming administration, under the incredibly qualified guidance of Michele Hosey, will be a responsive one. I have greatly enjoyed my time at M.U., and I would like to thank each and every student for allowing me to serve as your President.

I attempted to fulfill the duties of my position as best I could while balancing my many other involvements. The semester had its ups and downs, as do most, but ultimately we accomplished a great deal as an organization and have laid the groundwork for your next S.G.A.. This year's senate was wonderful, and the best I have served with in my six semesters in Student Government. It was an honor to work with you and for you. I thank you all, and wish you well. Thank You!

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"Tap Dancin'"

*I can see the sunrise through the window
And if I keep this needle in my vein
The track marks will tell a different story
One that goes by many different names*

*And I don't see no sense in changin'
I can't see the reason why
Now nothing is lookin' like it used to
Just keep on tappin' 'til it dies*

*I can see the sunset through my window
And if I keep this needle from my vein
You can't understand my problem
Just a bit to keep me sane*

*And I'm gonna keep tap dancin'
The night has just begun to set
'Cause I've got time to kill tomorrow
And a stack of chips I've yet to bet*

BY GENE YAGER



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A long, lost photo that we at the *Flashlight* have shamelessly dug up of when editor Darren A. (as in "King") Meehan was a member of the Spice Girls.

Meehan was known as "Shit-Eatin' Grin Spice" during his short stint with the group.

"There were a lot of other ideas for my name," Meehan said. "There was 'Dead Cow Spice,' 'King Spice,' 'Spice With Nuts,' 'Packin' Weight Spice,' 'Dirty Whore Spice,' 'Long Duck Spice,' 'Caterpillar Spice,' 'Junky Spice,' 'Pinball Wizard Spice,' 'Hooter Spice,' 'Lee Wright Spice,' and 'Feed Bag Spice.' To name a few."

Meehan said that he still holds a grudge against the Spice Girls.

"They kicked me out and then they went and became famous," Meehan said. "I had all the talent in that garbage heap! But it was fun while it lasted and sometimes it didn't last that long."

The Spice Girls refused comment.

"Cut Up"

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Or maybe just get high
Tangled in the trees
Trade a kiss goodnight*

*Sell me a river
To wash away the dirt*

*For 40 days and
40 nights
The floods covered the Earth*

*I was built out of switches and lights
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Mansfield eliminated from playoff contention

Sweeps by Shippensburg and East Stroudsburg seal Mounties fate

by Jason Feather
sports editor

For the first time since 1991, and just the third time in head coach Harry Hillson's career here at Mansfield, the Mountaineers will not be playing in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference post-season.

Gone is the chance to defend their crown that they won just one year ago, and also the aspirations of a trip to the NCAA Division II World Series.

Needing to "win out" during the final week of the season, the Mountaineers started off on the right note, sweeping visiting Kutztown University, 6-5 and 20-5.

Senior Chris Zallie, who is the leader in strikeouts in NCAA Division II, struck out 11 while allowing just seven hits in the opener. The win was Zallie's seventh of the season.

AJ Hoenstine hit a solo home run in the first inning before the Golden Bears went up 2-1 with two runs of their own in the top of the fourth. Mansfield then rallied for three tallies in the fifth on a RBI single by Hoenstine and a two-run home run by Scot Wilcox before adding two more in the sixth.

Wilcox's round-tripper was his 18th of the season and 38th of his career, and moves him up to second place in the PSAC career home run list.

Kutztown closed the game to 6-5 on a three-run home run by John Rozich before Chris McGee came in to earn the save.

In the second game, Kutztown took an early 3-0 lead into the bottom of the second, but Shannon Gunby blasted a three-run home run to tie the game. The Golden Bears retook the lead with one in the third before Mansfield got back on top with six runs in the bottom of the third. Gunby again hit one deep over the Shaute Field fence, this one a two-run shot giving seven RBI on the day. He was 4-4 with the two home runs and a double.

After scoring two more in the fifth, Mansfield put the game away for good with nine runs in the sixth. Senior Dan Ebersole improved his record to 5-0, while scattering six hits and fanning two. Mansfield hammered out 22 hits in the game, with Gunby and Mike Marconi having four each. Wilcox and Derrick Nace each added three hit days for the

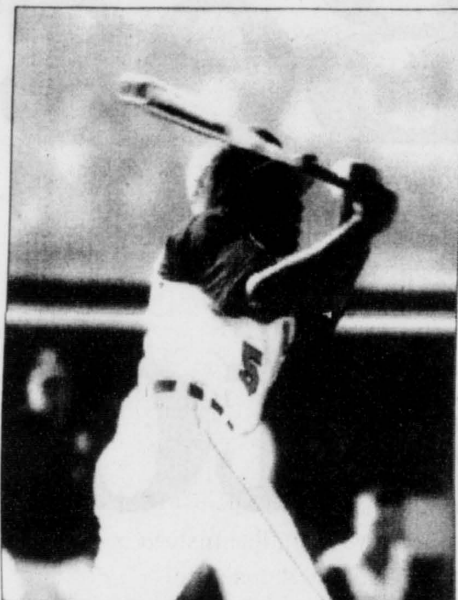


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Mansfield senior outfielder Shannon Gunby hit two home runs in the nightcap of a Mountaineer doubleheader sweep of Kutztown last Saturday.

Mountaineers.

The wins tied Mansfield with Shippensburg at second place, and set the stage for an important showdown with the Red Raiders.

The showdown was exactly that, a showdown, as the Mountaineers and Red Raiders battled to two one-run games, both times Mansfield coming out on the short end of the stick.

Shippensburg's Vic Hillaert took a no-hitter and a 2-0 lead into the top of the seventh in the opener. Nace got things rolling for the Mountaineers, breaking the no-hitter, with a single to open up the top of the seventh. He moved to second on a single by Gunby. Hillaert was then replaced by Joe Wetzell, who got Adam Lewis to fly out to right for the first out of the inning. Matt Edwards, running for Nace, moved to third on the out and then scored when Hoenstine singled to center. Wilcox then singled to score Cory Goodman who was running for Gunby. Marconi then reached first when Hoenstine was out on a fielder's choice. With the score tied at 2-2, Mike Mellott came through with a two-out two-run single to score Wilcox and Marconi.

Mansfield took a 4-2 lead into the bottom of the seventh with the starter McGee on the mound. McGee gave up two straight singles and then walked the next batter to load the bases with none out. Zallie came on to replace McGee and got Richie Rodarmel to fly out to right field for the first out, but walked Dan Hogan to force in a run and cut the

Mountaineer lead to 4-3. Jamie Eichelberger then came to the plate and doubled down the right field line to score the winning two runs for Shippensburg.

In the nightcap, the Red Raiders jumped out to a 2-0 lead with solo runs in the second and fourth innings off starter Tim Watkins.

In the top of the fifth, Gunby broke up a no-hitter by Rodarmel with a two-out two-run home run. The Mountaineers added two more in the inning and scored twice more in the sixth to give the Mountaineers a 6-3 lead. With two outs in the bottom of the sixth, Shippensburg rallied to score four runs to take a 7-6 lead into the top of the seventh.

Hoenstine led off the seventh with a single and moved to second on a walk by Wilcox. Shippensburg then brought in their ace Gary Lauden who retired the next three batters and earn the save for the Red Raiders.

With their playoff lives on the line, the Mountaineers hosted East Stroudsburg on Tuesday afternoon. The Warriors coming in, already with a sweep of the Mountaineers under their belt from earlier in the season, could play the spoiler if they could take just one of the two games from Mansfield.

Not only did East Stroudsburg take one from the Mountaineers, but they swept Mansfield again, 12-10 and 11-8, ending any possibilities of a post-season for the Mountaineers.

Mansfield struggled early in the first game, spotting East Stroudsburg a 6-0 lead after the first two innings. The Mountaineers scored two runs of their own though in the bottom of the second, and added four more in the third to tie the game at 6-6. But the Warriors would come back with four runs in the fifth to take a 10-6 lead and then added two more in their half of the sixth.

Mansfield would score four in the bottom of the sixth to pull to 12-10, but couldn't get any closer than that the rest of the way.

In the nightcap, the Mountaineers quickly jumped out to a 5-3 lead and increased that to 7-4 before the Warriors scored three times in the top of the sixth, one in the seventh and three in the extra frame to pull out the win.

The losses dropped the Mountaineers to 11-11 in the PSAC East, and 29-15 overall. Mansfield will close out the season with a doubleheader against Millersville tomorrow afternoon at Shaute Field. Game time is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Mountaineer softball team ends 1998 season swept by Warriors

special to the Flashlight

East Stroudsburg rallied for three runs with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning in the nightcap to sweep Mansfield University 3-2, 3-1 in PSAC East softball this past Monday.

In the opener, the Warriors jumped out to a 2-0 lead with two runs in the bottom of the first inning, and added one more in the third before the Mounties cut the score to 3-1 on a Kim Swarts RBI single in the top of the fourth. However, the Mountaineers failed to get another base runner to cross the plate over the last three innings in the loss.

The Mountaineers took a 2-0

lead into the bottom of the seventh in the nightcap. Senior Missy Tyson led off the third inning with a double and scored on a single by Kris Peterson. Mansfield then added another run in the top of the seventh when Danielle Terrell singled in Swarts.

But East Stroudsburg would load the bases on a single and two Mountaineer errors before Lindsey Warlow delivered a two out double to win the game.

The Mountaineers end the 1998 season with an overall record of 12-23 and 5-19 in the PSAC East. They surpassed last year's win total of 10, while sophomore right-handed pitcher Kelly Morris set a new school record for strikeouts in a season with 72.

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Black" Game. Get a preview of
what's to come for the 1998
Mountaineers football team.**

Sports editor asks for student support of Mountaineer sports

by Jason Feather
sports editor

As I look back at this past year in Mansfield sports, I see that there weren't too many success stories as far as records and championships. However, what people don't see are the improvements that many of our teams made through the course of their respective seasons.

Sure the football team hasn't had a winning team for the past few years, and maybe the women's basketball team doesn't have the closest of games, but the bottom line is that they are out there sometimes seven days a week busting their asses in practice and games representing "our" school. That is to be commended.

Don't you think that it is more frustrating for them in losing than it is in us seeing them fall to defeat? Of course it is!

The football team is definitely going to make some noise in 1998, and this past year the women's basketball

team went through the first season under head coach Luke Ruppel, making tremendous strides of improvement.

Within the next two to three years, our football and women's basketball programs are going to be as strong as our baseball and men's basketball programs are right now. They will be out there winning games their share of games.

The Mansfield University field hockey team has changed their past misfortunes and improved their showing in the conference and national ranks. At the end of the fall season, the field hockey team had been ranked in the NCAA Division II South Region, and also had two players named to All-American status, Shanna Vitale and Tandy Carey. In the process, they also set a school record for wins in a season, and had their first winning season in close to ten years.

There are many people out there that think that the sports on this campus are a huge joke, and that they don't serve any purpose other than to be laughed at. That is a damn shame! These men and women deserve the support of

its fellow student, and the only time they get it is if they are winning.

An example of this is the men's basketball team. Two years ago when they were working on winning that PSAC title, there were at least 300-400 students in one big section at the games cheering on the Mountaineers. However, this past season, I bet on an average there were maybe 90-100 students at the games on a regular basis.

This all falls under the "bandwagon" theory. Support your team when they win, and don't pay any attention to them when they lose. That seems to be the trend on this campus, and it's disappointing to know that.

Maybe if the players knew that their fellow students were in support of them, it would encourage them to go out play harder. These athletes deserve our support, and I think that it is about time that we give them that instead of degrading them all the damn time!

In closing, I have enjoyed serving as sports editor here at the *Flashlight*, and only wish that more students would become more involved in not only this paper, but other activities on this campus.

Annual "Red and Black" game slated for tomorrow

special to the Flashlight

The Mansfield University football team will conclude its 1998 spring practice schedule with the annual "Red and Black" Spring Football game tomorrow at Karl Van Norman Field.

Fans will get a preview of the upcoming season when sixty five members of the 1998 Mountaineer football team participate in the game which pits the Mountaineers offensive unit against the defense.

Kick off is set for 11:15 a.m. at Van Norman Field. The game is scheduled to run for about one hour and is free and open to the public.

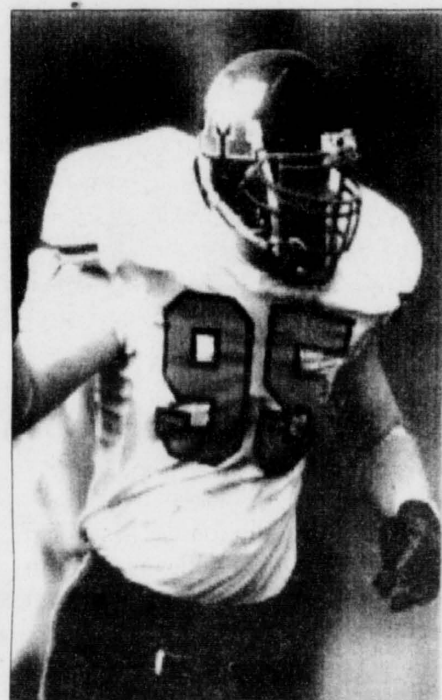


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Mansfield Mountaineers senior defensive lineman Dan Ledebur and his fellow teammates will participate in the annual "Red and Black" Spring Game tomorrow at Karl Van Norman Field.



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Dave Coyle won the 400 and was third in the 200 last Saturday to lead the Mountaineers at the Millersville Metrics.

Coyle wins the 400, leads Mountaineer track team at the Millersville Metrics

special to the Flashlight

Sophomore Dave Coyle won the 400 meters and finished third in the 200 meters to lead the Mansfield University men's track team to a eighth place finish at the 20th annual Millersville Metrics last Saturday afternoon.

Coyle, the PSAC Track Ath-

lete of the Week, crossed the line with a time of 49.93 in the 400, almost one full second ahead of the next finisher. He also took a third in the 200 meters with a time of 22.66.

Also placing for the Mountaineers were freshman Lamar Crawford who finished third in both the triple jump (45-0) and long jump (22-2 1/4) while tying for sixth in the high jump (6-2). Senior Mike Lane was third in the 800 meters with a time of 1:56.32.

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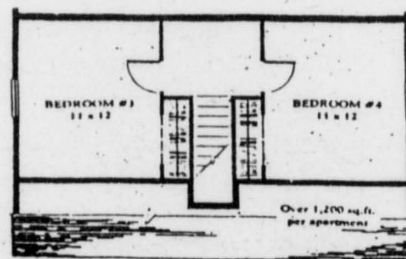
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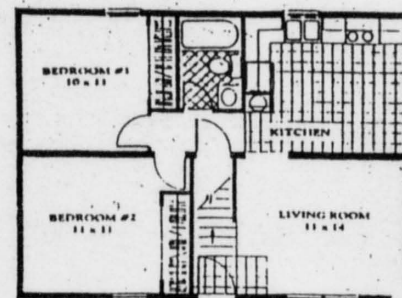
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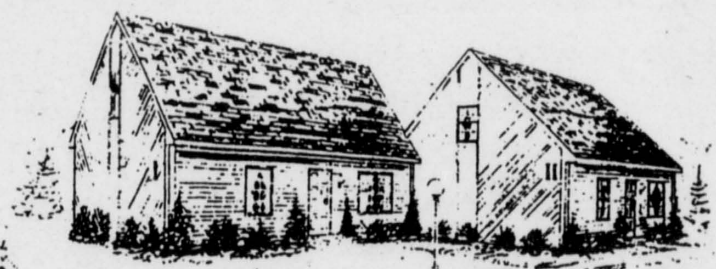


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Stress relief comes in many forms for MU students

by Joe Wagner
managing editor

There are about three types of things that can happen to you if you are a Mansfield University student during finals week: you can luck out and hardly have any finals at all, you can have about half your classes require a final test and the rest require projects or papers, or you have to face a final test in each one of your classes.

If you are one of those unlucky people who have to face multiple Mansfield University finals: there are three ways you can go about facing those final tests. The first thing that you can do is go diehard and study for each one of your final tests.

You can actually study until you can not study anymore. You commit yourself absolutely to getting A's in each one

"I guess that I don't know how I'm going to deal with finals stress," said Heidi Rump, a sophomore. "I suppose that I'm just going to knuckle down and deal with it."

For those Mansfield students who are going to go head to head with their finals, there are different ways of dealing with the stress.

"I think that I'm am going to work out a lot," said Kathryn. "My vocal professor always says that if you hum an e-note for five or ten seconds then it will balance the brain. I'm going to do that or scream at the window."

Stress relief comes in many forms.

"I'm going to go running and do a lot of singing," Daisuke Fukasaku, a music major said. "I'm just going to try to believe I can make it. It's a feeling positive thing. I'm going to try and smile, too."

For those of you who do knuckle-down and face stress head to

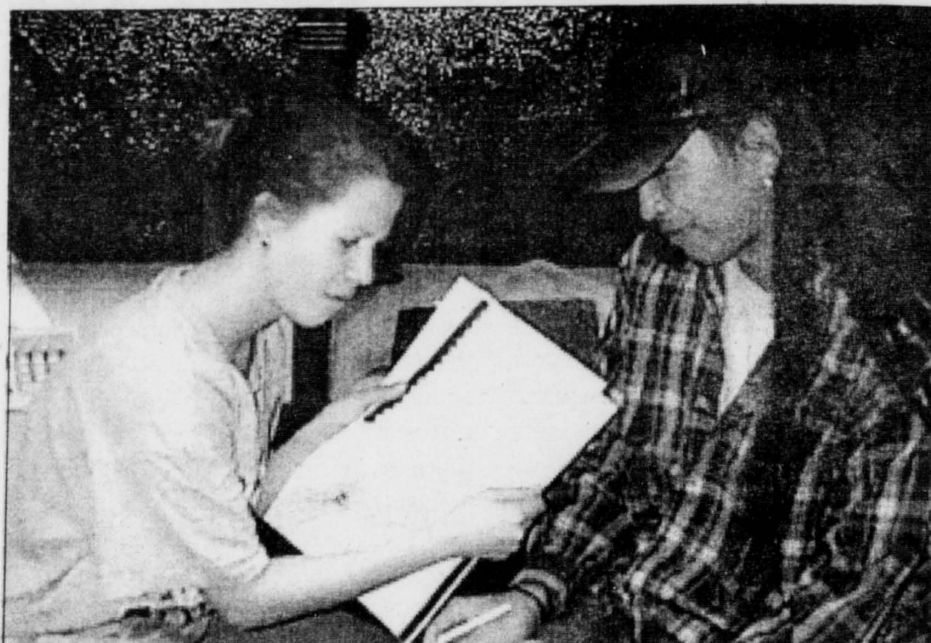


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Kathryn Evans and Daisuke Fukasaku study a musical score sheet on the first floor of the library. Fukasaku said that he plans on trying to smile during finals week.

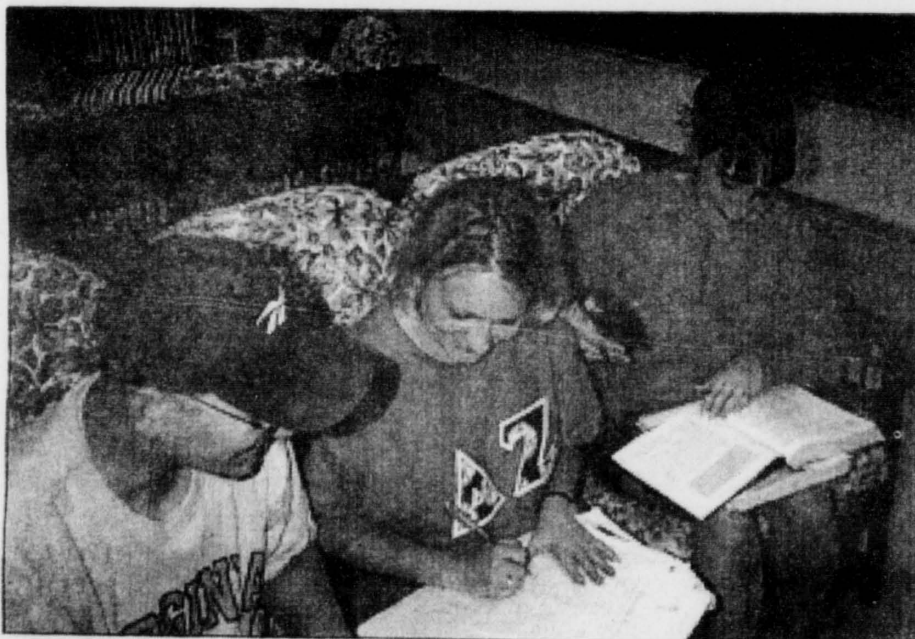


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Steve Russel, Ericka Layser and Melinda McCaully share their study time on the North Hall porch. the general consensus among the three music majors is that they are not too worried about their finals but they cannot wait to get them done.

of your classes.

The next thing that you can do is to blow off your finals and not worry too much about them. You do not actually break yourself down into "caveman status" but you study enough to get by.

The final option that you have as a Mansfield University student is to forget about your finals, party hard, and just show up bleary eyed at your final exam date.

Mansfield University's former Student Government President Steve Winny falls into the category of those who study all out for their final exams.

"The stress always gets to me. I've got a 3.9 and I still think that I'm going to fail out every semester," Winny said. "I'll probably be playing a lot of hoops and listening to a lot of heavy metal."

This view is expressed by many Mansfield University students.

head, a Mansfield organization can help. Campus Ministry and the local churches in Mansfield are going to be doing the same thing they have done in previous semesters.

Each of the local churches downtown will be bringing cookies to the dorms this Sunday night in their annual cookie giveaway. Campus Ministry will distribute the goodies to students and to help relieve a little bit of final exam stress.

There will also be a spaghetti dinner at Holy Child Church in Mansfield at 5:00 on Sunday for University students to kick off their finals week.

Campus Ministry will also be holding stress relievers during the week at their office in Pinecrest 120.

There will be jigsaw puzzles, building blocks, Play-do, bubbles, coloring books and crayons at the Campus Ministry offices.

"Working with your hands kind of helps to relieve stress that accumulates while studying," said Ms. Laurie Grab, the Catholic Campus Minister. "We are also going to volunteer to give backrubs to students that need them."

Grab said that some students have enjoyed the stress relievers enough that they have returned to the office each semester during previous finals weeks.

"We've had pretty good success with the program," Grab said. "The kids that have come in the past and know what we do, always come back. They just come in and chill out and relax for a while."

If you are one of those students who is not going to lock horns with your finals, there are other ways to get by finals week stress.

"The bar," said Matt Brewster, a Mansfield University upperclassman. "I'm going to deal with the stress with

a lot of rum and playstation games. Books, who needs books."

One student who wished to remain anonymous said, "I'm just going to have to have a case of pounders."

Other Mansfield students are not going to turn entirely to alcohol to get by their finals stress. They are, however, going to take advantage of the calming effects of alcohol.

"I'm going to be taking a lot of television breaks and smoke a lot of cigarettes," Greg Taylor said. "I'm going to drink a lot of beer, too."

Breaks and beer seem to be the order of the day when it comes to finals week.

"I am going to be taking a lot of study breaks and drink a lot of coffee. I'm going to the bar, too," said Ericka Layser, a junior.

"I am going to try and not get too worked up and I'll try not to work too hard," said Andre Canniere, a music performance major. "I'm just going to try and get dune and then I'm going to party my ass off."

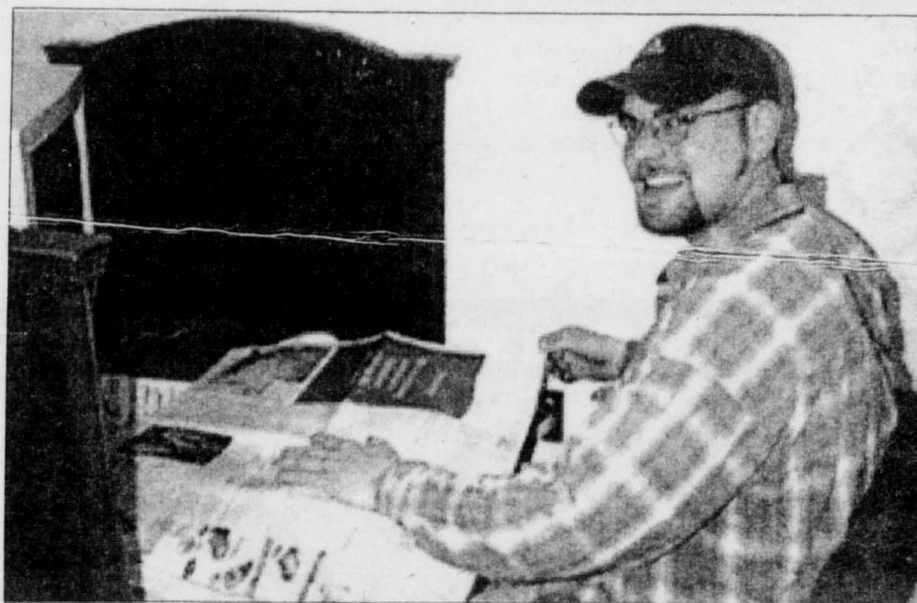


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Justin Locey takes a break from studying in the library to read the paper.

CALENDAR

Friday 5-1-98

-Last Day of Classes
-7:00 pm Matthew R Stein/ R. Michael Humphrey joint recital in Steadman

SATURDAY 5-2

-Reading Day
-3:00 pm Thomas Nelson Graduate Percussion recital in Steadman

-6:00 pm Mo Sze But senior piano recital
-8:00 pm MAC Movie featuring "An American Werewolf in Paris" in Allen Hall

SUNDAY 5-3

-Reading Day

MONDAY 5-4 through THURSDAY 5-7

-FINAL EXAM PERIOD

TUESDAY 5-5

-8:00 pm at the Clemens Center in Elmira- David Doffman-Dance Alloy.

FRIDAY 5-8

-Residence Halls close for the semester
-PMEA District 8 Song Festival